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### Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club celebrates successes in gala





### Barry RFC's hard knock

BARRY RFC was due to play a match against Sky TV's School of Hard Knocks on March 24 at world famous Cardiff Arms Park. However, things did not go according to plan.

(For the full story, turn to page 3).



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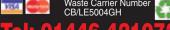
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deal being struck, fairground rides from the

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**'HUGE BOOST FOR** BARRY TOURISM'

## **Barry Island** Pleasure Park returns in new deal that could be worth £20m!

preparatory work was taking place on the Barry Island funfair site, after a deal was signed sealing a return of the world famous Pleasure Park.

Fairground businessman Henry businessman Henry Danter can now go ahead with a redevelopment which could, over the years, amount to £20million investment.

Recent months had seen a rollercoaster ride as three parties – the Danter family, the Vale Council and Barry Island Development Company – hammered out an agreement that secures the future of the

site.
On Monday this week,
Kimberley Danter told
The GEM: "We are
absolutely thrilled. We
eventually got the keys at
2pm today and the
machinery started
coming on to the site.
"We plan to be open
this weekend, and will do

this weekend, and will do what we can this summer.

summer.

"We will be spending about £20million in the next few years. It will take time, but we have a good team and will get there."
Within minutes of the

Czech Republic were being moved on to the

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

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### 'Long live the Welsh NHS!'

FTER severe criticisms from the **Prime Minister** about the Welsh NHS, I thought I would like to share with you my experience of one of the NHS services.

In October 2014. I had to attend the doctor's surgery for a pulled muscle in my foot. After this was seen to, and due to my age, Dr Jones (just retired) insisted I have a prostate blood test, although I had no symptoms.

A week later, I was

sent for and was advised to have a biopsy.

This came as a great shock, but I had my biopsy two weeks later, and it was confirmed by the consultant at the Princess of Wales Hospital that I did have

prostate cancer.

I was immediately given hormonal treatment at the hospital, then via my GP in the form of an injection in my stomach at £300 per injection, of which I needed two.

In November 2014, I had an appointment at Velindre Hospital, in

**PRIL 2015** is

a significant

month for

anniversaries - the

birthday, and then suicide, of the late

unlamented Adolf

Hitler 70 years ago,

and the beginning of

the battle of Berlin -

the final, successful

assault by the Red

(Russian) Army on

its subsequent

A Soviet war

correspondent with

destruction.

the Nazi capital, and

Zhukhov's forces asked:

"What are the targets?"

"Centre of Berlin."

Then came the words

of command: "Open fire on the capital of Fascist

answered a Katyusha

Battery commander.

was explained.

The radiotherapy treatment started on February 19, this year and was completed on March 20.

The treatment was given in a thoughtful, efficient and professional manner, and on time. On the one occasion that the machine broke down, I was telephoned at home before leaving for my appointment and a new appointment arranged.

The support verbally, or given through leaflets, was second to none, and went a long way to dispel my own, and my family's, fears.

At the time of writing, I have already received my check-up appointment to see the consultant at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend in

I think the treatment I received was first class and would encourage all men over 50 years of age to go to their GP for a blood test. The earlier the detection, the better the outcome.

Long live the Welsh NHS in its present form, from a very grateful 75year-old.

J L Jones,

Germany".
I noted the time – it

was exactly 8.30am on April 22: 96 shells and

rockets fell in the centre

of Berlin in the course

of a few minutes.
From this one battery

alone, 20,000 Russians were to die in the next

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### **'SOME TRUE COWBRIDGE** PEOPLE WILL WELCOME THE NEW DEVELOPMENT

in Cowbridge for about 300 years and over most of that time, they lived in rented

accommodation.

In years gone by there were fewer rich people, apart from doctors and dentists. The town was built on farming and people worked very hard to keep a roof over their heads.

True Cowbridge people, and I don't mean those who have moved here in the last 40 years or so, have seen a lot of changes and

My mother, sisters and I have seen houses built on green fields where we used to play, and we had no say in the matter.

I am proud that I grew up in a council house in Cowbridge, where I live with my mother whom I help to care for. My sisters have moved away from the town – they have been 'priced-out' because of people who think it is an exclusive place to live.

Cowbridge has been ruined by these people. At one time you could buy anything in the town, but not any more because there are over-priced clothes shops.

My family are in favour of the new houses on Darren Farm because my sisters may be able to come back to the place where they were born and bred. In the hopefully – distant future I may need a one-bedroom flat and may be able to have a housing association property. It will mean

that I too can stay in the place where I was born. People who don't want housing

for rent have only been here five minutes. When people ask me where I'm from and I tell them where I m from and I tell them Cowbridge, they reply: "Oh, how posh!" I defend the true Cowbridge people and say: "I am not posh, just Cowbridge born and bred, and raised by

hardworking people."
People think they can stop progress, but my family had to it up with it.

If people don't like the

changes, they should leave the town to Cowbridge people who appreciate it as a place to live, rather than as a status symbol. Mr MJ Austin, Cowbridge

### 'Too many homes planned for Vale'

HE majority of the working population in the Vale earn their income outside the Vale.

Cardiff, Bridgend and Rhondda Cynon Taff provide the main sources of employment. This is unlikely to change, unless the Vale Council, supported by the Wales

Government, is capable

of attracting new business into the Vale.

Historic growth in the Vale has shown a yearon-year slight increase in population. However, the idea that the Vale is capable of sustaining a building programme of 10,000 new homes is at best optimistic and, at worst ridiculous.

Many people argue that Wales Government housing statistics show that between 2011-2026, only 5,600 homes are

needed. The Vale Council is supported financially by the Wales Government

Regretfully, the support per head of population in the Vale is less than for other areas. Instead of challenging for equal financial support, the Vale Council is motivated by financial gain through its programme of granting planning permission for

The council has played the affordable housing card, which has

resulted in a breakdown of relations within the population of the Vale as everyone is attempting to defend their corner.

The challenge for the population of the Vale is to resist the idea that 10,000 new homes are required. We should direct our wrath at the council and our elected representatives, who are ignoring the needs of the Vale to build affordable homes where they are required

Gareth A Jones, Colwinston.

#### trains are dangerous WOULD like to There is no room for older people, handicapped people, or women and

'Overloaded

know what other people think of the services provided by Arriva trains to their passengers?

I am very grateful that the train route was reinstated, of course, but the services are not good enough for the price we pay.

During rugby and

football events, trains are dangerously packed tightly with people (we are not sardines, we are humans!): and they still push more and more people in all the way to Cardiff. children.

Moreover, Queen Street station always closes early as well.

It is sheer madness and it is dangerous. In addition, there

are no lifts at Barry (Broad Street) station, Cogan or Grangetown.

These would be needed, as there are steps and bridges to cross the line.

It should be a priority for customers. J Hayford. Barry.

#### **Special sporting** day for the Vale!

SATURDAY, March 28 was a very special day for football in Barry and the Vale - with Barry Town United winning Welsh League Division Two, Cadoxton Barry securing the South Wales Senior League **Division Two** championship, and Cardiff Airport winning the Vale of

Glamorgan league. It can't be very often that so many local clubs are successful enough to pick up silverware on the same day, so congratulations to them

Apart from those successful clubs last weekend, we still have Sully Sports in the hunt for the South Wales Division One title, Barry and Dinas Powys rugby clubs vying for their league title and Barry Athletic Cricket Club enjoying their 125th anniversary this year, and many, more.

Of course, thousands of people in the Vale are involved in sport at all levels, from elite to keep-fit, as adults, young people and children, as coaches and trainers and as players, in teams and as individuals.

Sport is important in staying fit and healthy, and we need to promote participation and enjoyment for people of all ages – and to celebrate success when it comes our way in our hard-working and lovely town.

Coun Ian Johnson. Barry, Plaid Cymru – the Party

of Wales.

### 'Cowbridge is a lucky place

few days before the 'Hammer and Sickle' AM unhappy with the letters was hoisted over the Reichstag.
Then the 'revenge' vou have been printing lately began. The Soviets, according to the historian, Max Hastings, killed 93 per cent of all Germans and their allies in World War Two. about all the new houses they hope to build in the Vale everyone seems to have the attitude of I believe this to be a 'not in my back slight over-estimate. vard'.

Christopher Short, Cowbridge is a lucky Barry. (Ex-RAF Regiment and place – it has a leisure centre, fire station, a comprehensive school. more than one infants school, and a good W JAMES & SONS

selection of shops. In fact, it has everything a small town needs, bar housing for **FUNERAL DIRECTORS** the people growing up in the town who want to marry and continue to live there.

Compare this with Rhoose, which has no leisure centre, no comprehensive school, one infants school, a library they want to shut or make us run, which means us paying for it

twice, and one

supermarket.
They think it's right to build a large number of new houses here, with no new facility to help the people who already live in the village.

They promised a lot of things when they started building houses here a long time ago. In fact, the village has already trebled in size over the last 15 years.

This village cannot take all the housing in the Vale, but we seem to be the spot of choice for new housing, as everyone seems to think Barry can take all the new houses they want

Can all the people who live in Cowbridge please stop and think how lucky they are?

Yes, we need new housing, but thinking that anywhere else can take the houses you don't want is selfish Theresa Faye Branton,

### Why charge for waste collection?

CALLED into the council offices in Barry to make an appointment for collection of a carpet and was given a card and

told to phone them. When I phoned, I was told 'no collection' in Rhoose until March 31; after that there will be a charge for collection. I asked what are we paying council tax for and was told to take it up with a local councillor.

The council have now got the cheek to ask public minded people to be vigilant over fly tipping. What do they expect when people do not drive and cannot take waste themselves to Llandow to be disposed of? There will be a lot more tipping when this charge comes into force

There is talk of five black bags or more will be charged for on roadside collection. It's not good enough. Mrs D Meah,

See more readers' letters on page 22.

#### HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL APRIL 9)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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05 Sun	07.58	9.8	20.14	9.7
06 Mon	08.28	9.6	20.44	9.6
07 Tues	08.58	9.5	21.13	9.7
08 Wed	09.31	9.4	21.47	9.3
09 Thur	09.59	9.2	22.21	9.1
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accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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### HISTORIC 'FIXTURE' DIDN'T TAKE PLACE AS...

### The School of Hard Knocks dishes one out to Barry RFC

**GEM REPORT** by TIM CHAPMAN

### Down Syndrome Awareness Day



JENNER PARK School supported National Down Syndrome Awareness Day on Friday, March 20.

Parents were busy baking, while all pupils and staff were asked to wear odd socks - in return, they were rewarded with a cake!

Nancy led the way by having odd socks and her hair braided in yellow and blue.

MEMBERS of **Barry Rugby** Football Club were left "gutted" after Sky Sports' School of Hard Knocks dropped them from a fixture at Cardiff Arms Park with just two days to go.

The match was due to take place on Tuesday, March 24 at 7pm and a

#### **ENFYS CRAFT FAIR**

ENFYS Craft Fair takes place at SI Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry, between 10am and 5pm on Easter Saturday (April 4).
Stalls include fabric crafts, cushions,

glassware. paintings, fascinators, jewellery, candles. canaies, Jeweiiery cards, wood ware, items for children to homemade bread, jams, sauces and cakes.

Siân Davies, pianist, accompanist for Barry Choral Society, (soon to be Barry Community Choir), will be playing a varied choice of music between 11am and 4pm.

Contact Beryl on 01446 418695 or Cyril on 01446 400149 for further information

number of people from Barry had made plans to attend, including family

members of the players. The ethos behind the School of Hard Knocks team is to give youngsters from the 'wrong side of the tracks a new chance in life, learning discipline and teamwork through rugby, and delivering work opportunities at the end of the two-month

The team is coached by former Welsh international Scott Quinnell and England World Cup winner Will Barry RFC committee man William Knapman, man William Knapman, who helped to organise the fixture, voiced the disappointment of those who were looking forward to seeing the

club's players performing on one of rugby's most iconic stages.
"On the Sunday we

were told by Sky that the offer was being rescinded because, according to them, our side was too strong. "We were prepared to re-jig the side and do

whatever we could to keep the fixture on.

They didn't even have the decency to respond. "People were gutted

Cymru.

£71.60

(member of Castaways).

it was a massive disappointment. It's not every day that you get the chance to play on Cardiff Arms Park pitch. "Families, club

members and the junior sections were going

along."
Some club members suspect that Sky decided that it wanted a more prestigious fixture against Cardiff High School Old Boys.

At the time of going to press, The GEM had not received a response from

### **Barry West End** Club

Welsh lunch at

Drop-In Centre AS part of The Big Welsh Month, the Drop-In Centre Development Trust (in conjunction with the Castaways group of

Barry) held an event to raise money for Age

Castaways held their normal session with

everyone wearing red. Our resident cook from Café Camelot put on a 'Welsh lunch', consisting of cheese

and potato pie with beans/tomatoes and a slice of Bara Brith. Cupcakes and Welsh cakes were made

and donated by Nicola Vaughn and June Marsh

£51.60. The Drop-In Centre is also donating £20 towards the cause – making the grand total of

Proceeds from a raffle and cake sale came to

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### **'WE WANT OUR** TROPHIES BACK!

### - says local skittles league THE Barry and District a pub. If someone has got one, we'd be

Skittles League is appealing to grateful it they were returned. They people of the town - in a bid to can either contact me or Fay Williams, track down missing trophies.

to return them.

to return them.

Moira Conibear, the secretary of the league, explained: "There are four trophies missing including The Olga Collins Summer Cup. They are marked as Barry and District Skittles League

the league's assistant secretary.

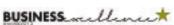
Each year, the winners of The league don't believe it is a case competitions carry off the spoils of of someone taking the trophies, more victory - but sometimes people forget an instance of people forgetting to return them. The organisation needs them so they can be presented to this year's winners.

Moira Conibear, league secretary can be contacted on 01446 738445, trophies. "Clubs might have them, or perhaps can be contacted on 01446 411494. and Fay Williams, assistant secretary

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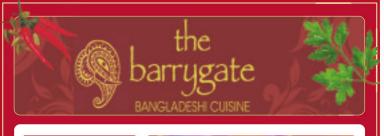






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Three year old's dream of freedom... Local pub supports

family campaign so

little Jack can ride

an adapted trike



### Westbourne pupils' film for Climate **Challenge Day**

Penarth, worked

challenge project.

The children were split into mixed age groups and after an introduction from Mrs Barber, geography teacher in the senior school, started their

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from planning for the day. reception up to year-8 at Westbourne School, produce a 60-second film hone their films into the

on any aspect of climate final products. regether one day last challenge project.

The children were split into mixed age.

The children were included toys and ideas," said a year-2 toys invented pupil. puppets, characters and then using the school's LearnPads (Avantis) filmed their ideas.

"It was a great day, the younger children were so enthusiastic. I was impressed with the ideas they came up with,' added a year-7 pupil.

said a year-2

A teacher explained "This is an advantage of our small school where the children can have these opportunities to

work together.

"It was good to see how well the different aged children cooperated with each other and came up with very inventive

"It was a fun experience for all and they also learnt a great deal."

#### A severely disabled little boy from boy Llantwit Major dreams of riding his own trike - and a

local pub supporting

come true.

weeks old.

severe

problems.

Jack

"Despite

parents' campaign to make that dream

Jack Vincent, aged three, suffered a series of

mini strokes caused by a form of meningitis he contracted at just four

His mother Debra told

The GEM: "Due to the severity of the strokes,

Jack has a form of dystonic cerebral palsy

resulting in multiple disabilities including

disabilities, he is a very

happy little boy and always smiling! "He needs lots of

physiotherapy in order to help improve his muscle

tone and co-ordination."

Jack, Debra and dad

Mark recently attended Pedal Power in Cardiff at

which Jack was able to

try out a specially adapted trike.

Debra said: "Jack and we were thrilled to find a

piece of equipment that

freedom. Unfortunately, as the trike has to be

including

mobility

numerous



by GEM REPORTER

Jack trying out the specially adapted trike.

complex needs, it is a on his own trike, they

piece of equipment. He is safe and secure with the proper head, hip, leg and Old White Hart said: "If

which provides execution therapy for his legs and hips, strengthening the hips, and improving the and improving "Please contact us on "Please" on "Please contact us on "Please

very expensive." wanted to help.

The couple feel that the pub is now the trike would benefit holding a weekly raffle at its Thursday quiz nights to raise money for his

foot supports. anyone would like to "It encourages Jack to donate, raffle tickets are move his legs to pedal, available behind the bar which provides excellent throughout the week, and

not only met his muscles and improving requirements, but also co-ordination as he is 01446 796809 or at the gave him a sense of currently non mobile." email address When the staff and oldwhitehartinn@gmail. friends of the Old White com if you would like to specially made and Hart heard about Jack's donate a prize for the adapted to support Jack's dream of racing around raffle."

### The impossible is now made commonplace!

week's Barry Men's 401 Forum, was Underhill, recalled numerous

incidences that posed food for thought.

At the start, Alan posed the query, what revould our ancestors of the would our ancestors of they were told there would be 800 people instances of people on flying together in the air, or mobile phones? What resemed impossible to our who they knew nothing seemed impossible to our forefathers we now about. accept as everyday occurrences. knowledge develops, that all reports were will what we now traced back to planes consider as impossible, which had these such as the feeling we replacement parts fitted.

before, or a sixth sense or incidents mentions foreboding that members were able something is going to occur, be explained? County of the recalled a personal experience when he was working in the Valleys in the speaker, 1966 and visited the Hellewell's, talk home of an old lady entitled 'Ted's Translation's translation of the speaker of the speaker, 1966 and visited the Hellewell's, talk home of an old lady entitled 'Ted's Translation's translations are supposed to the speaker of t working in the Valleys in the speaker, Dr 1966 and visited the Hellewell's, talk is home of an old lady entitled 'Ted's Transwhere he often stopped Canada Travels' to have a cup of tea. She The Barry Men's was very distraught, Forum meets at the recogniting her drawers. was very distraught, Forum recounting her dreams Trinity that involved "children Church drowning with mud in junction of Trinity Street their mouths". It was and Aberystwyth only the week before the Crescent every Thursday Aberfan disaster, and morning at 10.15am until Alan was certain it was noon. before and not after the

THE speaker at last incident of Eastern Flight Men's 401 which (under unusual circumstances) crashed in Miami, killing all the crew and passengers. What Alan incidences that posed said is not well known is

Eventually, So, as investigations proved develops, that all reports we now traced back to planes

having been somewhere With many other before, or a sixth sense or incidents mentioned, foreboding that members were able to

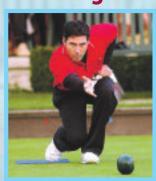
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Ladies: Mrs J Morgan, tel: 01446 412976 Men: Mr J Wathes, tel: 01446 719442

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### The Island trials a new set of traffic controls

THIS Easter, the Vale themselves." Council's highways department is trialling new management arrangements at Barry Island.

The arrangements will see new road markings and signage at the eastern end of Harbour Road indicating a

change in lane priorities.

As motorists approach the roundabout there will be a dedicated left turn lane toward the Harbour Road car park, with no right turn into Paget Road. Part of Paget Road will then be closed between the junction with Station Approach Road and Friars Road to prevent a right turn at the roundabout.

It is hoped these arrangements will It is hoped these arrangements with help ease traffic congestion over the Bank Holiday period, with many visitors expected following the news that the Barry Island Pleasure Park is set to be open for the Easter weekend.

Operational manager for highways, Michael Clogg, said: "We're hoping for a bumper Easter weekend this year with the promenade redevelopment open and the Pleasure Park hopefully open and the Pleasure Park noperling up and running, so we want to make it as easy as possible for people to visit.

"With plenty of parking on offer at Nell's Point and Harbour Road, and the property of th

these new traffic management arrangements making it easier to get in and out of Barry, we're hoping to see plenty of people out enjoying 400044.

The highways department will closely monitor these arrangements over the Bank Holiday weekend and future weekends. If it proves to be of help to residents, visitors and traders in easing congestion, the trial will be extended through the summer.

### Friends have musical treat

FRIENDS and Neighbours held an Easter party at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall and the hall was full, proving how popular this group has become.

At the start of the meeting a minute's silence was taken up for Colin Foley, a long-standing member of the group.

A buffet was provided on tables

dressed tastefully in yellow and purple, adding a touch of spring to the room. The group enjoyed the entertainment provided by Barry Male Voice Choir.

The members all had an Easter bag full of chocolate goodies to take home and lots of comments were made about their wonderful afternoon! The group is now looking forward to the trip to Abergavenny. Contact 01446 **Gay Fifield** 



LAVERNOCK SERVICE

EASTER will be celebrated at St Lawrence Church, Fort Road, Lavernock, with a special

service at 3pm on Sunday, April 5 led by Rev Margaret Stark, with organist Miss Anne Thomas.

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### EASTER BONNET PARADE IS HELD AT COLCOT PRIMARY



FRIENDS of Colcot Primary School held all the money going towards funding trips, etc for the an Easter bonnet competition on March children. 26, which was judged by Dee of Premier Stores, Winston Road, who donated all the prizes for the winners pictured.

Parents and friends were invited for the parade in school. the afternoon at which refreshments were sold with

Premier Stores also donated a crème egg for each pupil to take home on the last day of school. Thank you to all parents for supporting the event and to the Premier Stores for their continued support in the

### Incinerator would give a negative impression of town' CLĀIMS COUNCILLOR

incinerator would give a negative published impression Barry, says a local remove the docklands councillor

Plaid Cymru Councillor Ian Johnson explained: councillor Ian Johnson has called for the Vale Council to change its definition of land use in the eastern Barry Docks area to prevent development of a waste incinerator near the town's Waterfront area.

Coun Ian Johnson and e n v i r o n m e n t a l campaigners argue that the Local Development Plan (LDP) background paper on waste, removed to reflect the

the Local Development (LDP) background "This needs to be paper on waste, removed to reflect the

#### by GEM REPORTER

area as a 'waste facility location'.

Councillor Johnson

of should be altered to there is no planning plant there is no planning permission in place to build a waste facility

there. "Just because "Local permission permission was previously given, before many of the current developments, does not mean that it should be

repeated.
"Building an incinerator in the centre of town, near the Waterfront development would give a negative impression of Barry to visitors and potential investors."

Keith Stockdale of

The group will discuss the issue at its next meeting which will be held at the Castle Hotel at 7.30pm on Tuesday April 7.5 meeting which will be held at the Castle Hotel at 7.30pm on Tuesday April 7.5 meeting with the Draft Deposit LDP. The work of the work

The Vale's operational said: "It should be noted that there have been two previous applications for application."

on Barry Docks

"The first for a 9MW fuelled energy plant was on the same site as the current application. application was originally refused by the Vale Council planning committee on July 31, 2009 against the 2009 against the planning officers' advice, but was then allowed on appeal to the Planning Inspectorate of the Welsh Government on July 2 Government on July 2, 2010. This application remains valid until July 2, 2015 and could be implemented at any time up until this date.

A second application Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth told The GEM gasification 'waste to the Earth told The GEM gastification waste to the group planned to get energy' plant for non-in touch with the council hazardous waste was "Following another considered and approved successful meeting with by the council on the Docks Incinerator September 17, 2009. As

streesstal meeting with the Docks Incinerator September 17, 2009. As Action Group last week, permissions last for five Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will be joining with them and concerned residents of Barry, to organise further opposition to the proposed incinerator on Barry Dock.

"We will be asking the Vale Council to make this area of the dock available for light industry, not for waste disposal in a noisy, polluting incinerator."

The group will discuss the issue at its next the issue that it

consideration of the 7. The GEM asked the Vale Council whether it have to take account of was feasible to designate a change of use for the and national policy, but also the existing consent for development of a previously

A great chance to reminisce and catch up on all the news

### Romilly Old Boys' reunion hopes to exceed 150 mark

NOSTALGIA will be the order of the day when the Old Romilly Boys' Reunion takes place at Cadoxton Conservative Club, Barry.

The last reunion in 2013 was very well , and featured in The GEM. One of the organisers Alan Kingdon explained that its success was the reason for another get-together on Friday, April 17 (7pm til late). "We had 150 old boys at the

reunion in 2013 and when I've bumped into the lads since they've said: 'When are we going to have another one?'

"We've already sold 100 tickets and I'm hoping we could top the 150 people who attended last time.

Many of those coming will be local, but we've also had interest from as far afield as

### REPORTER

Wales, Northampton, London - even France, though it may be a bit too far for him to come. Four members of staff will be there

"An evening like this is nostalgic and it is great that

people make the effort to come from near and far." Romilly Boys' School opened in 1906 and closed its doors in 1966.

One of the reasons that Alan is confident organisers can exceed the 150 people who turned up in 2013 is the fact that those who missed out let him know!

said if they'd People realised it was on they'd have come too."

It will be a great opportunity for people to reminisce with old friends and catch up on the latest news

Alan said old boys will have name tags just to help jog memories

Free tickets are available from Vic Hopkins (butchers) High Street, Barry; or contact Alan Kingdon on 01446 732203; or Clive Tapscott on 01446 743157.

A £1 donation is requested on the door to cover organising expenses.

If anyone wants to know the latest on Romilly Old Boys, thev should www.romillyoldboysofficialsite. com; for more information or to leave contact details for organisers. email: romillyoldboys@gmail.com.



### ROMILLY OLD **BOYS REUNION**



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## Pleasure Park will return this Easter weekend!



(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Major work on the construction of arcades and new rides on the four acre location will

AGM on Sunday, April 12.

food certificate.

West End Club's

annual meeting

BARRY's West End Club will be holding its

A spokesman said: "After 88 years, The West End

"A well-attended ladies' section meet up on a Tuesday night. Over the years, the club has changed

"We will soon be having our annual beer festival,

with each challenge, encouraging a friendly atmosphere – with award-winning CAMRA ales and

a very popular event. Come along and sample our

delights and maybe become a member!

is getting a reputation as a great musical venue, and

also a hub for the community with an array of sections within the club - cricket, football, fishing

Alun Cairns, the Conservative parliamentary candidate, said: "I am so pleased that such a long drawn out deal has finally been reached. To see so many

wonderful and brand new rides arriving, is so

encouraging.
"From the start, I have done all I can to encourage investment in Barry Island, and I see this as just the start of a resurgence in the area."

The Dolphin will become flats and commercial units – the Pleasure Park will be restored with 21st century and rides entertainment

#### CATALYST

Paul Haley of Pride in Barry, which campaigns on behalf of the town, said the deal should place the Island at the centre of the area's

"I am delighted to welcome Henry Danter and his family to Barry

"They have waited patiently to get the keys to the Pleasure Park and will already be working extremely hard to ensure that the show will go on in time for Easter.

Break open the

Park is about to return. Celebrating (from left to right) are Aidan Lynch, Kimberley

Danter, Ålun

Cairns and Henry Danter.

"I know that Henry can count on the support, goodwill, and encouragement of all of us Barrians who hold Barry Island dear to our hearts.

"I look forward to the regeneration and redevelopment that will take place over the next

few years.
"I believe that this will be the catalyst that will ultimately see further tourism development of Nell's Point and place Barry Island firmly as the 'regional tourism heart' of south Wales."

### **Easter** services at All Saints, Penarth

is a children's service at 10am followed by hot cross buns and chocolate

are welcome to come alloaning for all or any part all saintspenarth.org uk of this period.

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On Easter Saturday at 7pm there is a short 1pm there The Good Friday of this period.

Penarth All Saints is ages, beginning quietly in darkness but gradually building in a gradually building in a gradually special services this Easter. On Good Friday there

On Easter Day at All Saints there will be Holy Communion at 8am and family celebration service at 10am, with Holy Communion at St

### Talk on Orwell longlist book

TICKETS are still available for David Marquand's talk about his book Mammon's Kingdom: An Essay on Britain, Now, which has just been longlisted for the Orwell Prize for political writing.

This event is taking place on Thursday, April 9

at All Saints Church at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm). Cost £5, including a glass of wine and discount on the book; contact Griffin Books on 02920 706455 to reserve tickets.

### Pupils nurture Easter chicks, and go on a special egg hunt!



IENNER PARK pupils recently enjoyed watching the chicks hatch and kept them warm in their special incubator! The monkey puzzle class visited Porthkerry, where Miss Goodall and Mrs

James created a very exciting egg hunt. The staff would like to wish Jenner Park pupils and parents a very happy Easter and thank them for their support, a spokesperson said

### Cadoxton couple witness Richard III's final journey

who are keen on included many rehistory, managed to
obtain tickets to be
part of the
c e r e m o n i a l
reinterment

King Richard III at the wind. who are keen on included

weekend's delighted

everywhere. On Saturday afternoon John and Mary Viney but this time with dignity from Cadoxton attended and honour, rather than a lecture with slides by being stripped of his Phillipa Langley, who clothes and slung on a had driven the project horse. from its conception and whose evidence and enthusiasm resulted in all hoping to get a the discovery of Richard in a Social Services car

difficulties and Richard's identification. "I must admit to "After all, it's not sometimes disbelief of John went on: "On sneaking through the every day you find a council gates to take a 'king in the car park!" brought the project to an

In 2009, a handful of historians and researchers, after many vears of investigating historical documents and maps, decided they had

car park'.

The lecture was delivered in the old Guildhall, which would have stood even when Richard stayed Blue Boar inn the night before the battle of Bosworth.

"On Sunday we went to the battlefield at Bosworth where around 2,000 invitees were on hand to witness the coffin containing Richard's bones being drawn by members of the armed forces.

activities left Bosworth on the Ricardians same journey back to Leicester that the dead king took 500 years ago, but this time with dignity

park. with a deep made by a carpenter from Canada, but more importantly recounted the whole story from the beginning, and whose DNA had outlining all the beginning and whose DNA had

King Richard III at Leicester, following the exhumation of his bones back in 2012.

The 'King in the Car Park' story caught the world's attention for two years and the final weekend's activities left Bosworth on the the King Richard himself was brought off his horse and mortally wounded."

and Leicester surprised that thousands

Canterbury on Thursday.
"Our destination was

death.

were picture of the car park surprised that thousands were queuing to get into the cathedral to see the the visitor centre. A final resting place in a glass floor allows visitors special crypt. to peer down and see the "The coffin was on exact spot where the display prior to a bones were discovered, display prior to a bones were disco ceremony by the but now in a Archbishop of enclosed building.

John and Mary Viney

"Considering our visit was a fairly last-minute the newly opened thing, we were so Richard III visitor centre fortunate to gain access that has a permanent to much of the activity exhibition of Richard's and the events will stay life and the story of his with us for a very long death.

time.
"After all, it's



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### Young rugby players show off their new kit



THIS enthusiastic group of young rugby players from Palmerston Primary School are pictured proudly posing in their brand new rugby kit, the properties of the players are absolutely delighted and along with Mrs Bev Hopkins and Mrs Karon Breed, want to the properties of the players are absolutely delighted and along with Mrs Bev Hopkins and Mrs Karon Breed, want to the properties of the players of the playe donated by Mr Tony Williams, of Predator Wildlife Williams, of Predator Wildlife Name and their superb new kit. Roll on our next match!" a school spokesperson Management Services.

The impressive kit was designed by Cameron Williams (front row with

### Trinity Street trial is now under way

THE six-month one-way trial system at Trinity Street, Barry, began yesterday, April 1.

The proposal will make Trinity Street one way south to north from the junction with Porthkerry Road and Montgomery Road, up to the junction with Jenner Road; and one way north to south from the junction with Porthkerry Road and Montgomery Road towards the junction with Broad Street.

During the trial, traffic will be closely monitored and users are being invited to provide feedback regarding the trial scheme.

The decision to permanently implement the scheme will only be made after full

consideration of the feedback received.

Feedback on the scheme can be given at any time during the trial period. All comments must be marked Trinity Street and a full name and postal address must be included as anonymous replies will not be considered. Written responses can be sent to Trinity Street

Feedback, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, or emailed

visible@valeofglamorga n.gov.uk. Users can also call Contact One Vale on 01446 700111, or text C1V followed by your message to 60066.

Comments must be received by Wednesday, September 30.

Boogie Men in Barry! BARRY West End Club is staging an Easter Sunday free event starring The Boogie Men! The touring south Wales band are back by

The touring south Wales band are back by popular demand at 4pm on Sunday with rock, blues and beyond... Get on down to enjoy good atmosphere and hospitality!

PACT meetings

Buttrills PACT, Barry Town Council offices, Gladstone Road, Barry on April 9 at 6.30pm.

Castleland PACT, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry on April 13 at 7pm Stanwell PACT at Stanwell

on April 13 at 7pm. Stanwell PACT at Stanwell Comprehensive School, Salisbury Avenue, Penarth on April 17 at 7pm

### Pupils in pyjamas for Comic Relief!

PUPILS from Romilly Primary School spent the entire day in their pyjamas - in aid of Comic Relief and Alun Cairns joined them to talk to the youngsters about the aims of the charity.

Mr Cairns reported: "It was a very interesting visit Romilly Primary School to see the children having so much fun in their pyjamas.

"Comic Relief is a great way to involve children in fundraising, and it was wonderful that the staff also got involved."



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### Miss Wales finalist wins

regional title

BEAUTY therapist
Amy Lewis from final, Amy and other finalists attended an empowerment day to develop leadership, the Hair Business of confidence and personal the Hair Business of Cowbridge, recently development skills.

won the title of Miss Vale of Glamorgan 2015 as a Miss Wales finalist 2015.

Gentleder and personal confidence and personal skills. Family and friends were also able to attend the Miss Wales charity ball the night before the Vale of Glamorgan 2015 as a Miss Wales finalist 2015.

The Miss Wales final was held at the Prince's

world chartry, Beauty parade.
With a Purpose', by Amy feels that the organising several whole experience has charity events and completing several confidence and has challenges which thoroughly enjoyed charity ev completing which thoroughly enjoyed included 'wedge walks', raising funds in doing so. local club events, and visiting local hospitals.

During the week to apply.

confidence and personal

final.

On the day of the final

the contestants were interviewed by a panel of was neud at the Prince's the contestants were Royal Theatre in Port interviewed by a panel of Talbot on March 7, with six judges, followed by over 39 young ladies taking part from various taking part from various tage including the Welsh wear opener, a tempest taking part from various stage including the Welsh parts of Wales.

Leading up to the final, Amy and all finalists were able to dresses of the headline raise in the region of over sponsor, followed by a £12,000 for the Miss traditional evening wear World charity, 'Beauty parade.

With a Purpose', by Amy feels that the

#### Spring fayre success

AGE CONNECTS Cardiff and Vale, held a very successful spring fayre at The Senior Health Shop in Holton Road, Barry recently. There was a wide range of attractive stalls, including a home made cake stall, run by volunteers

of the Ageing Well Project. Stitch and Bitch Class, who meet at the Senior

Health Shop, also had a craft stall to raise funds for the Ageing Well Project.

The fayre made an amazing sum of £413, which will be used for the benefit of the project.

### NFU GIVEN A TALK ON CARNIVAL GLASS



#### 'Get creative' over-50s urged

THE Vale 50+ above you have to be Strategy Forum is aged 50+ and live in the inviting everyone aged 50+ who lives or works in the Vale, to 'Get Creative for spring'; to send a poem or short story to to the displayed in May at Forum, c/o The VOGC

people to get inspired and be involved by writing a 1,000 word jporter@valeofglamorg short story or a poem on an.gov.uk any topic. C
To take part in the 24.

be displayed in May at Forum, c/o The VOGC the Barry Central Old People's library, to celebrate Coordinator; to John Gwanwyn, a month- Porter, Civic Offices, long event to promote Holton Road, Barry, creativity in older age. CF63 4RU; or email The forum wants your short story or poem

Closing date is April

VALE NEU Ladies' March meeting turned out to be another successful evening, with Pam Miles giving a talk on her collection of Carnival Glass, most popular being the marigold glass, but beautiful colours had been produced with high values.

In the photograph (above) are Mary Brown, chairperson Ann Rees and speaker Pam Miles.
A vote of thanks was

given by Janet Goldsworthy.

The next meeting is on April 21 in Penllyn Village Hall at 7.30pm All are welcome.

### Children are praised for backing new scrapstore play pod



THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, Corning with funds also raised by local visited Palmerston Primary School in Barry to congratulate the school, governors, teachers and pupils on the successful development of a 'scrapstore play-pod.'

It uses abundant, safe, scarp materials from business and industry for creative play and is funded by Dow



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The collective energy switching scheme, launched in 2013 by the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff Councils, saved customers an average of £185 per household in its first year. Since its

launch, over 5,000 people have registered with the scheme.

For every satisfied customer, money is paid into a community fund. A total

of £19,000 has been raised to date and

has just been distributed among participating local authorities.

The Vale received £2,370.53 and at a meeting on March 23, the cabinet

**Budget for** Wales which failed to give the Welsh Government a fairer funding deal and did very little to positively impact on the economy - according to the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR), the Welsh Government is doing all it can to be 'innovative' in the way we manage our reducing Budget.

Cyd Cymru switchers raise

thousands for local foodbanks

A DONATION of £2,370.53 is distribution centres which are; Barry being made to Vale Foodbanks Tennyson Road, Barry St Marys as a result of the success of the Church Holton Road, Dinas Powys

agreed to donate this to the four county. I am delighted to be foodbanks in the Vale. The money will hand over £2,300 to help be split equally between the four continue their invaluable work.

and Llantwit Major.

Coun Neil Moore, leader of the Vale Council, said: "The Cyd Cymru

scheme has been a great success. At a time of increasing levels of fuel poverty

it has not only enabled hundreds of people across Wales to drastically cut

their energy bills but has also generated £19,000 for good causes in

the local community.

"Foodbanks help some of the most

vulnerable people in our society. We had decided at the outset of the

programme that we would donate any money the Vale received from the

community fund to food banks in the

county. I am delighted to be able to hand over £2,300 to help them

It is vital that we are clear about our priorities - particularly to help our young people get the skills they need and to boost the NHS in

Wales.
In Wales, we have kept the Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) which provides a £30 weekly allowance to young people from lower income families to help them continue in education.
This benefits around

30.000 students in Wales – including 1,218 young people in the Vale of Glamorgan –

receiving an average of around £826 per student. The UK Coalition Government cut the EMA in England but the Welsh Government weish Government decided this should be a priority – as it helps young people stay in school or college, which can then help them progress and make a contribution to the economy – eating the economy – gaining the skills and qualifications

they need.

Last week, I spoke at a major conference at the Celtic Manor in the Cetic Manor in Newport, on 'Financing Welsh Infrastructure', bringing together the public and private sectors to support our capital programme in new ways – to offset a 30 per cent cut in our funding by the UK Government.

At the event, I said that the Welsh Government's investment in major infrastructure projects is driving economic growth, improving people's skills and creating employment opportunities with our £1.9 billion pipeline of investment.

I outlined how innovative finance including the Non-Profit Distributing (NPD) investment model, and new borrowing powers will help the Welsh economy, adressing austerity and supporting

I spoke about three 'not for profit' schemes worth £1 billion we are taking forward – to deliver a new flood risk programme; to triple the size of our housing finance grant, which will finance a social housing building programme including helping local authorities build houses again: and also to build a new cancer centre to replace the Velindre Hospital, which will be a major boost to the NHS in Wales. The NHS has

benefited in recent weeks from almost £140m to finance new MRI and CT scanners to help speed up diagnosis in our hospitals – an investment many doctors have said is vital.

It was good to hear last week that the

number of GPs in Wales has increased by more than 20 per cent between 2004 and 2014, with 137 new GPs joining the profession in Wales since 2004. Professor Mark

Drakeford, the Health and Social Services Minister, has also announced an additional £40m for primary care over the next year which

focuses on improving health and keeping people out of hospital. These figures demonstrate the Welsh Labour Government's commitment to invest in our NHS and in our

NHS staff and all those who work in the NHS they are its greatest

asset.
There is also a new package to attract doctors to return to practice after a career break or a period of working outside the UK.

It is also great to see the new co-operative model Mark Drakeford has announced with Disability Wales, to enable disabled people who receive direct payments for their care from their own co-ops to own and manage the

services they need.

It will provide more than 4,000 direct payment recipients in Wales with a new way of managing the payments for their care

The OBR analysis released alongside the Budget, states that Welsh Government funding will continue to decline in real terms through to the end of the decade. with George Osborne's forecasts, which have particularly severe cuts to our public services, pencilled in for 2016-17 and 2017-18.

The Welsh

Government believes that more innovation and investment in our public services in Wales is vital so that Wales can support our young people, vulnerable people and the ec



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### The Food and Drink Festival's new sponsors for spruced-up event!

and Drink Food Festival has announced new firm Macey Owen Limited and the Cardiff Marriott

sponsors, including place in the spring. Loyal sponsor HSBC will also continue to support the flourishing festival for

to Monday, May 25, tens

#### Recycle your Easter egg foil wrappers'

LOCAL youngsters mean preparing to enjoy overlooked. their Easter eggs are being urged to

Church in Wales Primary School have been "But many eggs now

residents' co-mingled "Once the chocolate kerbside recycling, but has been enjoyed, please the fact that it's one of recycle all foil, plus any the newer materials to be cardboard boxes of added to the service can plastic.'

another year. From Sunday, May 24

operational manager for

being urged to
"please recycle your
foil" by the Vale
Council.

Easter recycling
bunnies Jessica and
Daniel, both 10 years
old, from Gwenfo
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helping to spread the come with less message to ensure that all unnecessary packaging Easter waste is recycled properly. Since December 2011 eggs with no, or as little clean foil can go in with packaging as possible.

cupcakes and fruit gins to fruit bouquets.
Speaking about the new partnerships, Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival chairman, John Davies said: "This Cardiff Marriott Hotel year marks a new chapter said: "The Festival line, the feetival's hierary up leafs for the state of the said: "The Said: "The HSBC team who have the said: "The festival line, the feetival's hierary up leafs for the state of the said: "The HSBC team who have the said: "The festival line, the said: "The HSBC team who have the said: "The HSBC team work really hard to said the sa

highlight for the area and their sponsorship shows their commitment to the town and community and the ongoing success of the festival."

and join them in Demonstrations by sampling the UK's finest some of Wales' best-cuisine and marvelling at known chefs including

local craftsmanship.
"We're thrilled to be involved and look forward to the much

signed a deal to support will flock to Cowbridge this year's Cowbridge to peruse 100 exhibitors HSBC said: "It is a festivities. These remain Food and Drink Festival, from Wales and further privilege to be involved free for ticket holders. which is this year taking afield, selling everything in what is a highlight of Young foodies are place in the spring. Loyal from fishcakes to the South Wales well catered for with cupcakes and fruit gins to calendar. The HSBC

year marks a new chapter in the festival's history and we are delighted that Macey Owen, the Cardiff Marriott Hotel and Were really looking contact the support us at this exciting time.

"The festival is a big looks fantastic this festival. In the stops! Can support us at this exciting time.

"The festival lie a looks fantastic this festival."

To fin pulled out all the stops! Can support us at this exciting and seeing where this relationship might go in the future. In the fourth of the area and the festival lies.

This year, the festival will include a second site to peruse with delicious freshly cooked food and a backdrop of live music by local performers.
The festival includes

the festival."

Charlotte Hulley from Macey Owen said: "The festival includes the ever-popular festival is a key part of Combridge and has been for the past 11 years.

"It's a time when the together to welcome together to welcome visitors from near and far and join them in Demonstrations by local performers. The festival includes ever-popular festival includes ever-popu

acclaimed chef James Sommerin and festival favourite Anand George

plenty of planned arts, crafts, workshops and exhibitions plus a treasure hunt throughout

the town.

Sponsorship deals at all levels are will all levels are still available for this year's

festival.

To find out how you can support the show, contact

Festival Manager Polly Wilson on 07875 290428, email info@cowbridgefoodand

drink.org.
Full details and the complete line-up can be found on the website www.cowbridgefoodand drink.org.

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### WRU CHIEF TO TAKE ON AIRPORT

THE group chief executive of which the Welsh the Welsh Rugby Union,
Roger Lewis, is the new
chairman of Cardiff Airport.
He is leaving his post in Octable.

He is leaving his post in October after the Rugby World Cup and will replace Lord Rowe-Beddoe. Mr Lewis has been credited with transforming the finances of the

WRU and there are high hopes that he can now bring his business acumen to bear in what he has described as "an exciting new challenge" at Rhoose.

AM was quoted as saying that he to deliver the airport back into was "the right person to steer our future ambitions" at the airport,

Senedd, Andrew RT Davies AM, commented: "Roger Lewis brings with him a wealth of experience, which will certainly be needed with the challenges that await him. "The Welsh Government has now

spent upwards of £80 million on the airport and it's about time we saw that money delivering net gain for the taxpayer.
"The key to his success in the role

tallenge" at Rhoose. will be to attract viable and Transport Minister Edwina Hart attractive routes and, I would hope,

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### BUS SERVICEEXTENDED

THE 303/304 bus service operated by New Adventure Travel will be extended to include University Hospital Llandough and the Cardiff Bay sports village from

Monday, April 20.
Following talks between the Vale Council, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, and New Adventure Travel Ltd, an agreement was reached to improve bus links to and from the hospital, the council has announced. The service will

initially serve temporary locations next to the multi-storey car park and the children's unit, and at the existing bus stop at the eastern end of the hospital, before suitable bus stop facilities are installed at various locations around the hospital's internal ring

Following the planned expansion of the hospital later this year, New Adventure Travel has agreed to run its commercial Monday to Saturday daytime journeys via University Hospital Llandough.

This is in addition to the bus service that the council already range of services and financially supports which serves the hospital visitors and staff."

on Monday to Saturday evenings and all day on Sundays and bank holiday Mondays.

The route is also changing to serve the Cardiff Bay Sports Village on all Monday to Saturday journeys, and will also introduce an additional morning journey from Llantwit Major to Cardiff,

Monday to Saturday. Vale councillor Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "Both the actions of the hospital and service provider that have enabled these service changes are very much welcomed.

"I am sure that the improved links will make life a lot easier for many to get to and from Llandough Hospital, as well as the popular Cardiff Bay Sports Village and would encourage people to use this excellent facility." Peter Welsh, Board

Secretary for Cardiff and Vale University Health Board stated: "After many years of not being able to do this, we are delighted to see the bus services re-entering fully the hospital grounds. "This improvement is

part of a series of changes at the hospital designed to improve the

### Vale staff's £1,000 cheque for charity honours paramedic



THE Vale Council's building Building Excellence Awards at the Vale control team has raised £1,000 Golf Club on 30 January. Around £900 for the Marie Curie Centre, guests, with the remaining £100 Penarth, in memory of their donated by Nina herself. friend and local paramedic, Adrian Cook, who sadly passed

Last week, the team visited the charity's hospice in Penarth to present

Adrian Cook, who sadly passed away in February.

The team, along with staff from the Council's Planning Department and Staff, and pleased they have given their Nina Estate Agents, sold raffle tickets time and effort to a very worthy and collected donations at the annual cause."

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### Amy will go on six-day trek in mum's memory

A Cardiff and Vale University Health Board radiographer is taking on a sixday trek - to raise money for a hospice that provided "amazing care" to her mum.

Amy Voisey, who has worked at University Hospital Llandough for 10 years, sadly lost her mum to peritoneal cancer in March 2006. Amy has signed up to take part in a six-day trek in Costa Rica during April 2016 to raise funds for Marie Curie, the Cardiff and Vale hospice in Penarth.

Amy said: "It is such

an amazing charity and all the staff are fantastic. They not only look after and support the patient but also the family and

"They were able to keep my mum as comfortable as possible and let her make her own decisions on how and where she wanted to live out her final days.

out her final days.
"I just want to give back as much as possible to Marie Curie, so that other people are able to get the same level of care other people are able to get the same level of care vale Hospice, said contact Karen Jones on and support. I would "Last year, our doctors, love to raise as much money as possible for the provided specialist care constant Karen Jones @mariecurie money as possible for the provided specialist care or g.uk."



Amy on her five-day cycle ride from Vietnam to Cambodia.

charity to say thank you. to around 600 in-patients,
"I have previously 870 out-patients and taken part in a five-day 2,000 day care attendees cycle challenge from at a cost of £3.9 million. Vietnam to Cambodia "This would not have where I covered over 200 been possible without the priles to raise monay." miles to raise money. I support of trekkers like fully embrace these Amy, who go the extra challenges as the charity mile to help fund our

is very close to my heart. "The trek will be very tough, even harder than the cycle challenge. All families, here at the money raised will go hospice."

directly to the charity, To sponsor Amy, visit

community fundraiser for Marie Curie based at

work supporting people living with a terminal illness and their

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### LOCAL COLLEGE STUDENTS TASTE WORLDSKILLS SUCCESS

STUDENTS from real shock as I didn't in the Welsh heats students from other of the WorldSkills colleges looked really Competition hosted good!" by the college.

Skills Competition Wales feeds into the WorldSkills UK rounds, with winners going on to compete in the Skills UK finals later this year. The college hosted the Welsh finals for the Advanced Microsoft IT Technician and Advanced Beauty

Therapy rounds.

CAVC saw Level 3 beauty therapy students take all three prizes in advanced beauty therapy.
Alex McWhirter won the
gold medal, while Aukse
Antanaityte won silver
and Chloe Isgrove bronze. It is the first time any of them have entered

the competition.
Alex said: "I was very surprised but very happy to win the gold. The competition was very nerve-wracking but, once we got into it, it was all right

Aukse added: "I didn't expect to win anything so it was a nice surprise for me. I enjoyed the competition – I've never done anything like it before but I found it very useful for my course and t was a xperience." good

Chloe said: "It was a

Cardiff and Vale expect to do so well. It was the first time for all celebrating success what to expect and all the

The students will now qualify for the next round of WorldSkills UK. "I'm really looking forward to it now that I know what sort of thing we will be asked to do," Alex said.

Meanwhile, Level 3 IT student James Holloway won bronze in the Advanced Microsoft IT Technician competition, which was also hosted by

CAVC.
"It was such a shock It was such a snock.
I really wasn't expecting
to win bronze," James
said. "I never win
anything! I will be going
to the UK Skills Show
now and I'm looking forward to it.

"I thought the competition was really good fun and I enjoyed every second of it. I'm really glad I signed up to it now

#### **EASTER** EGG HUNT

THE Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving club is holding its annual Easter egg hunt at Llantwit Major beach at 12 noon on Easter Monday, April 6; £1 refreshments entry; from 11am.



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### BIKE CLUB

IS BACK!
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It is run by trained volunteers to help children and young people learn how to ride a bike safely on roads.

Bikes and helmets are

provided to those who need them, and there are also free refreshments. Children aged 8 or under must be accompanied by an adult.

The club is open to arry Communities irst residents, Barry First including including parts of Buttrills, Castleland, Cadoc, Court and Gibbonsdown. For information contact 01446 709432 www.BarryCommunities

### Local professor attends a special anniversary event honouring Churchill Trust

Professor Allan Williams meets The Queen.

Williams, of the University of Wales Trinity St David at Swansea University, attended a reception Buckingham Palace, hosted by the Queen on March 18.

The Queen, who is patron of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, hosted the event to mark its 50th anniversary as Sir Winston's living

legacy.
Prof Williams and Dr Kathy Seddon FRSA, chair of the Welsh Association of Churchill Fellows, were among the group of Welsh Fellows introduced to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at the reception.

Since 1965, over

have have been awarded Churchill Fellowships, from over 100,000 applicants, to travel overseas to study areas of been topical and personal

The knowledge and innovative ideas they bring back are shared, for the benefit of their profession, their profession, their community, and, in many cases, the nation. Prof Williams is a key member of the Coastal

and Marine which monitors proposed developments along the coast, including the coast, including the Swansea Tidal Lagoon

plan. He went on reception. Fellowship in 1992 to Since 1965, over 5,000 British citizens Zealand for two months awarded to investigate marine and coastal conservation issues.
Over the course of his

academic career, Prof Williams has written

Last year, he and Profestal Europe to monitor Florence University cother reception, and 12 butterflies as an indicators of climate to being the definitive academic book on the Churchill Fellowship to subject, entitled Coastal Erosion and Protection reversely.



Dr Kathy Seddon and Professor Williams.

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### GEM RETIRES AFTER 30 YE







GEM colleagues turned out in force at the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, on Friday evening to bid an emotional farewell to the newspaper's longest-serving employee, Accounts Manager, Margaret Vanderwarker, who is putting away her pocket calculator this week after 30 years' service.

Editor Don John said: "There were smiles (and also a few tears in the eyes) as the very popular department manager heard warm tributes paid to someone whose quiet, reassuring presence behind the scenes has been taken for granted and who will be sadly missed by us all,"

GEM General Manager, Caroline Attya, told her: "It just will not be the same here without you. You have been a tower of strength to me personally and to all the staff for so many years. I cannot thank you enough, Margaret, and we all wish you good health and happiness in your retirement from the bottom of our hearts."

Margaret said: "I have enjoyed my time at The GEM so much and made so many friends.
The staff at the newspaper have always been more than colleagues. What makes The GEM so special is that we are a true team. Caroline has been a great friend and not just a manager to

"I feel it is the right time to retire and spend time with my family, particularly my grandson, Jacques."

There were some surprises on the night, too – The GEM's very own 'Three Degrees', Jan, Sue and Wendy, sang 'When will I see you again?', the newspaper's film critic Gareth Jamieson performed old favourites such as 'I Saw Her Standing There'. Carolyn baked a truly spectacular cake, replete with five pound notes, and Wendy presented Margaret with a bouquet

Margaret said: "I want to thank everyone who made it such an unforgettable evening." The GEM has set one stipulation on Margaret's retirement - that she pops back in to see us when she has a free moment!









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## Celebrating Penarth's 150th birthday... the arrival of the excavators! by Brian Keitch

TTH the arrival of the railway came the excavationists, many of Irish descent - their mission to dig one great big hole by the sea which was to become Penarth Dock.

adjoining parishes probably didn't know what had hit them!

The first task was to dump a mile-long embankment across the River Ely floodplain (plus a bridge over said waterway) to gain access to the site of the planned dock.

Isambard Kingdom Brunel, no less, had planned a dock here in 1836 'back to front' with the shipping access from the north via the River Ely – not as was subsequently built – with the locks direct out to sea (though Brunel had envisaged such a development).

Brunel's plan shows a 'ruin' on Llandough beach This was the abandoned Ffarm Cogan Pill Isaf -

ideally situated next to the pill and fishing activities.

The same farm is shown on the Hurst Estate map. It has been suggested that it might also have had a small boatyard. A hint of the days of smuggling and piracy? Could this have been the residence of John

ap John of smuggling fame?
Work on the new dock started in earnest in August The contract went to Messrs Smith and Knight. Apart from the railway to Grangetown and on to Radyr (both lines still operate passenger and goods traffic to this day) stone was needed for the masonry in the construction of the new dock – and a time, in addition, many houses had lodgers in to

from Ireland (following the potato famine) had high, arrived in numbers (as well as many from across the Severn Sea from Gloucestershire, Somerset and gener

Devon) seeking mainly labouring work.

In the 1841 Census, no mention is made of local people originating from the Emerald Isle. In 1851, the Irish were second only to the Welsh in the Penarth district (including Leckwith, Llandough, Cogan and Lavernock) – but this is probably Cogan and Lavernock) – but this is probably insignificant as the population was still relatively small (466 inhabitants)

With the construction of the Ely Tidal Harbour and then Penarth Docks in quick succession, the local population surged to about 2,000, with 183 from Ireland (and no doubt many others living in Cardiff commuted to the works in Penarth – travelling either by ferry boat or by 'hitching' lifts on freight trains delivering stone in the construction of Along with them came terraced houses, public freight trains delivering stone in the construction of houses and hotels. The natives of Penarth and the docks – hence a number of fatalities involving men falling between moving wagons to and from

work).

Indeed, a whole new Irish community was established in Cardiff called 'Newtown' around Tyndall Street, complete with a Roman Catholic church. Family surnames – Driscoll, O'Brien, Callaghan, Murphy, O'Leary etc, abound.

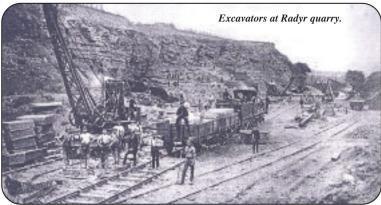
On the Census returns, the occupation of most (masons, labourers and – more to the point – excavators) were concerned with the construction of the docks, the excavators had arrived in numbers. To accommodate them, terraced houses quickly

To accommodate them, terraced houses quickly sprang up around the dock site. To put things into context - in 1841 there were no named streets in the district to speak of - just farms, agricultural cottages and the like.

The same was the case ten years later but the Census of 1861 reveals seven terraced streets – still in situ today, viz: Ludlow Street, Salop Street, Glebe Street, John Street, Maughan Street (now Queen's Parcyl) Widden Bless and descript for Street (No. 1871). Road), Windsor Place and down in Cogan, Pill

Into tof it—and it came by rail from a quarry in Radyr. make up the weekly income with sometimes two or Initially, it appears work on the dock was more families squeezed into a terraced property! painfully slow. However, getting the staff to Penarth was fortunate to have an effective sewage undertake the work was scarcely a problem. People system in place—though infant mortality remained

Local farms carried on much as they had done for generations - no doubt benefiting from supplying the new town in its infancy with essential foodstuffs: bread, milk, vegetables, meat etc. Some farmers in fact increased their holdings quite considerably – Cornerswell Farm had in 1871 some 200 acres (chiefly dairy). Cogan Hall Farm could boast some 400 acres; Coston Isaf 150 acres; Llandough Farm 160 acres; Ty Mawr 110 acres, and on a more modest scale Ivy Cottage with 45 acres (but in 1871 even



this had expanded to 150 acres). The smallest seems to have been Rogersmoor, with just 22 acres under husbandry. Game was also on the agenda – Llandough had its own pheasantry (John Mawson of Toll Gate House was the gamekeeper) and Coed yr Hebog (falconwood translated into English) on

Hebog (falconwood translated into English) on Cornerswell Farm suggests another variant.

George Lewis of Llandough was employed as the local mole-catcher – not for supper, one hopes!

With the navvies came the pubs and 'hotels,' sometimes bearing the surnames of the local gentry who had a financial interest in them, viz, Windsor Hotel, Plymouth Hotel and Clive Arms. Other 'locals' go back to village life pre-docks such as the Merrie Harrier, Llandough (known locally as 'The Dog' – after the harrier dog – not the feathered variety) – subsequently rebuilt on its present site after a fire), the Dinas Powys trio Cross Keys, Three Horse Shoes and Star and the long closed Cardiff Arms in Leckwith (though the building survives).

Lavernock records suggest that the Pop Inn stood in the parish – but where?! Back then many rural public houses and inns brewed their own ale – often called home brew – so did the farmers! There was a

called home brew - so did the farmers! There was a

Brewers' Cottage' attached to the original Merrie

Meanwhile back at the dock construction site, the 1861 Census enumerates some 143 excavators though this was increased a couple of years later to though this was increased a couple of years later to speed up the works. The same Census numbers 139 non-agricultural labourers, 44 stonemasons, 36 carpenters, 12 blacksmiths (there were dozens of horses providing the equine muscle on site) and some 13 locomotive drivers providing the iron horse

After a day's slog on site, no doubt the excavators wanted to slake their thirst and get their hands on some grub. Sailors from the world over were still a couple of years away – so no competition there. A stiff climb up the hill and then Glebe Street – Penarth's new town shopping centre – almost every property was a shop of some description.

Unlike today, there wasn't a tea or coffee shop in sight, and Windsor Road, what there was of it, was largely residential.

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## In Business Update

### The Vale's oldest law firm merges with Glamorgan Law LLP

Richard Beech (on left) with Anthony Taylor.

LAMORGAN LAW announced its merger with the Cowbridge practice of J Anthony Taylor on April 1.

Anthony Taylor, who has headed the Cowbridge office of Gaskell Walker in the High Street for many ears, and now joins years, and now joins Glamorgan Law as a consultant, commented: "When my Bridgend-based former colleagues in Gaskell Walker decided to merge with another firm, I was delighted to have the opportunity to join forces with Glamorgan Law in Cowbridge.

'Glamorgan Law have built a formidable reputation, particularly since the merger with Larby Williams in 2011 and are, in my opinion, now the leading firm in Cowbridge and the Vale.

"This merger is excellent news for all my clients. Not only will they continue to receive the same quality of service they have come to expect, but the merger will open up a new range of specialism and depth of expertise to them."

Richard Beech, the partner in charge of Glamorgan Law's



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building a loyal client following. Peter Davies,

Glamorgan Law, commented: "Anthony's practice has a long and impressive history and

an excellent reputation.
The merger is great
news for our Cowbridge

clients of both firms, and

Cowbridge and the Vale.
"Anthony and his

colleagues share our values and aims. I am confident that his team

will blend brilliantly with ours and that the

merger will be a great success."

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Cowbridge office, said: "I am extremely pleased that Anthony and his team have decided to join us. He has an excellent reputation for the quality of his advice and for looking after his

clients' interest.
"This merger will add to our already considerable expertise in areas such as agricultural law, trusts, wills, tax probate, property and business law." Anthony Taylor and

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### *'WALK OF*

expected to join the two-mile an address.

"walk of witness" through the Regret Call streets of Barry on Good Friday (April 3) to mark Christ's journey to the cross.

They will follow a 10 foot wooden cross and stop at five points of prayer and hear readings from the Bible about Christ's crucifixion.

The walk, which is in its fourth year, is organised by the Churches of Barry, made up of 11 of the town's churches of various denominations. The first walk was led by the Archbishop of

Organiser Father Robert Parrish. Rector of Merthyr Dyfan parish, said everyone was invited along to all or part of the walk. It will begin at Parade Gardens at noon and end with a service in King's Square which will start at about 1.30pm.

There will be four stops along the way - at the railway station, outside the One Stop store in Broad Street, the forecourt of AG Adams funeral home

and King's Square.
"The idea behind this walk is to take church out to the people – because we are walking through the streets, people will come up to us to watch, listen and join in. It is very successful in getting the Christian message out onto the streets in a visible way," said Father Parrish.

The first 'station of the cross' will be Tabernacle W at Parade Gardens and will be led by church, in King Canon Pat O'Gorman of St Helen's hot cross buns.

HUNDREDS of people are Roman Catholic Church, who will give

an address.

The cross, made by students at Barry College, will then be carried up Ship Hill to the second station – outside Barry Railway Station, where the Rev Mike Holmes of Coastlands Family Church will deliver a short sermon.

The walk will continue along Broad

Street, up Priory Hill to the third station which is at the One Stop Store in Broad Street, where the Rev Kevin Lake of All Saints will give an address

Lake of All saints will give an address.
Those taking part will then process along Broad Street to AG Adams funeral home for the fourth station, where the Rev Carole Challis, a Superintendent Methodist minister, will lead proceedings. Members of the relevant congregations will also give prayers and readings at the various stations.

The cross will then be taken up again along Holton Road through the again along into should into give the shopping area to King's Square for the final station – which will be overseen by the Rev Clive Jones of Salem Baptist Church.

The Salvation Army Band will play and hot cross buns will be given out to passers by with a Christian message on the serviettes; 33 red balloons will be released, which signify Jesus' age.

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### Easter eggs and toys are donated to Ty Hafan hospice

business support assistant at Aberthaw Power Station, asked people from the site for contributions to an Easter egg appeal on behalf of local children's hospice Ty Hafan, response overwhelming.

Over 300 eggs were donated by station staff and colleagues from onsite contractors.

In addition to the sweet treats and chocolate, the team also collected soft toys, craft sets, books, egg hunt baskets and £260 in cash donations to ensure the families, staff and children at Ty Hafan have an 'eggstatic'

delivered to Ty Hafan for their weekend Easter celebrations.

Aberthaw Power Station contributed over £30,000 to the local hospice in 10 years and continues to support this fantastic local charity through fund-raising, donations for the charity shops and staff volunteering. Ty Hafan, based in Sully, provides support to life limited children and their families.

Melanie Regan commented: "The response from the teams onsite was amazing. I hope the collection of chocolate and toys will make the Easter weekend at Ty Hafan extra

### Old signal box in Barry torn down



## **IMAGES by MIKE WILCOCK**



ABOVE: On Sunday a piece of Barry's history disappeared the signal box by the town's train station. Mike Wilcock captured its final moments and commented: "It was built in 1897. I think people were shocked it was being demolished."

#### CHURCHES TOGETHER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

PEOPLE from all the Churches of Barry will join together on Good Friday for the annual two-mile Walk of Witness through the town.

Father Robert Parrish, Rector of the Barry churches of St Paul's and Merthyr Dyfan and organiser of the walk said: "Everyone, children and adults, is warmly invited to join in at the start at the Parade Gardens at 12 noon, or anywhere en route"

warmly invited to join in at the start at the Parade Gardens at 12 noon, or anywhere en route."

The walk is being supported by churches of all denominations in Barry and will include children from church Sunday schools and youth clubs. Leaving the Parade Gardens, the walk will travel via Broad Streeet to arrive at King's Square in time for a special service for Good Friday at 1.30pm.

The wooden cross, made by Barry College, will be carried in the procession to re-enact Christ's carrying of his cross on the way to his crucifixion.

This is the fourth year of the Barry Walk of Witness which began in 2012, led by the Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan.

### Miners' strike: 'the police were provoked'

LOVE to read contributions from other GEM readers; one correspondent, in particular, has missed his vocation – or has he?

Marc Delaney must earn his living writing works of fiction, what else would explain his skewed view of the 1984 miners' strike? Here are a few indisputable facts: Arthur Scargill

engineered the miners' strike of 1984. He refused miners a vote on the strike action.

In the overwhelming majority of pit-head ballots in Wales and

across the UK, miners rejected the strike. Welsh miners were bullied/blackmailed into strike action by the threats of violent flying pickets, as used extensively against the Nottingham miners and

the threat of 'scab'.
The Nottingham miners saw through Scargill, voted out his puppets in mid 1984 and then formed a new

The Lancashire coalfields were, like most coalfields, against the strike. Scargill agreed not to use his flying pickets on condition that the Lancashire miners would

not cross picket lines. Scargill had several opportunities to end the strike and on every occasion refused to put any offers to union members, in the knowledge that they would return to work

The Labour party and other major unions did

other major unions did not and would not support Scargill. Were the police over-zealous? Very possibly – but we have to remember the immense provocation that they faced daily from the flying pickets.

I am sure that Mr

Delaney will have been shocked to see pictures of police men and women, faces covered in blood, after being hit by stones, broken bottles and various missiles

thrown by the pickets.
Perhaps Mr Delaney should check his facts with ex-miners - I did. my wife's family worked for the NCB in Wales. (Name and address supplied).

#### NOTHING BUT PRAISE FOR NHS **PROFESSIONALS**

AVING been diagnosed with a serious illness last year and subsequently spending much of my time in hospitals and GP surgeries, I'd like to add my voice to the growing number of people who have written to the papers recently to describe their experiences with the National Health Service.

The truth is that I have received a fantastic service over the last 12 months from every one of the health professionals that I have

met or dealt with, and this is ongoing. Yes, I could pick a few holes here and there, but they are very minor – and besides, couldn't the same be said of any

major service?

I have had occasional long waits for a bed when there has been high demand on the service; but my experience of dealing with different departments and medical professionals during a full year of treatment has been one where they have all been extremely helpful, understanding and accommodating.

I have spent a great

deal of that time on Ward 6 at the Princess of Wales Hospital and have had to attend Accident and Emergency on several occasions.

I cannot in any way fault the support that I have received, or the professionalism of the staff, as all have been helpful.

I'd like to thank everyone on Ward 6 and at A&E, and offer a special thank you to Doctor Lei and his team who have provided an absolutely first-rate

They have done their very best for me, and I think they deserve to be recognised for doing so.

Based on my own personal experience, I don't think anyone should be afraid of using the National Health Service when needed.

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#### Mr Lyn Morgan,

Brynmenyn. GEM note: Mr Morgan is a Labour BCBC councillor, but emphasises that this letter is written in a personal capacity.

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### Don't build in the Vale.. 'GO NORTH OF CARDIFF!

E are a group of residents from different parts of the Vale who are very concerned about the future direction of the Vale - as a result of the impact of the Deposit Local Development Plan, if eventually adopted in its current form without significant amendments - following consideration by the Inspector to be appointed by the Welsh Government.

We are concerned about the overall political and economic context in which planning developments for the Vale seem to be occurring. The likely merger of Cardiff City and Vale councils may more easily permit the extension of the development of Cardiff into the Vale by removal of planning

This creation of a 'Greater Cardiff' can be viewed as being analogous to the expansion of London into the surrounding counties in the southeast of England.

We suspect that the political motive for wishing significant housing development in the Vale in the longer term is driven by the need to increase the economic output of south Wales as a whole, starting with the area immediately adjacent to Cardiff. Another driver is the perceived untapped economic potential of Barry, which is limited by poor access to the M4. Proposed road developments such as A48 trunking to improve connections to Cardiff Airport, we believe, are a smokescreen for the need to improve the connections between Barry and the M4.

The connections that the Barry economy requires are not in order to travel to the west or north, but to travel east to England.

In view of the likely development of the M4

relief road around the Brynglas tunnels, there may be increased need to try and complete the A4232 link road from Cardiff Bay to Cardiff Gate – and to link transport from Barry directly to the A4232 by a more efficient, dedicated, direct route to the south of Culverhouse Cross.

### 'Cowbridge can't opt out of Vale'

N the subject of the proposed new homes for Cowbridge, you may be aware that the acronym being used to refer to the attitude of the Vale Council to the proposed merger of authorities is ABC (Anything But Cardiff).

This resonates perfectly with the majority view, as reflected in letters published in your newspaper, around the proposal to build new homes at Cowbridge Anywhere But Cowbridge... (preferably

Barry!) It seems to me that the residents of Cowbridge want all the benefits of being part of the Vale, such as a brand new school building – but don't want to carry some of the responsibilities associated with belonging to a large unitary authority in a

mixed urban/rural geography e.g. taking its share of the demand for

new housing.
Maybe the real truth is that all those new houses might adversely affect the 'exclusivity that Cowbridge seems to wish to bask in

We have just returned from a short trip to north Wales, where we took time to visit the Italianate village of Portmeirion, Many of the those who visit are making a pilgrimage to see where the cult 1960s TV series The Prisoner was made.

This featured a group of people who live in a small enclosed community with its own rules etc.

My suggestion to those deniers of change (NIMBYs?) in Cowbridge is maybe you can become a south Wales offshoot of Portmeirion, or as an alternative, become a geographically remote part of the Isle of Wight, where they seem to encourage a feeling of 1950s 'olde worlde

living.
Nick Meyrick,

Whilst it may indeed be helpful to build a large settlement at Llandow to be able to underpin a new enterprise park at St Athan, it is in the long-term interests of the rejuvenation of the remainder of south Wales – particularly the valleys to the north and north-west of Cardiff – that efforts to stimulate the economy should be focused in these areas.

They already have transport, housing, education and other public infrastructure in place, such that all the investment monies can be focused on stimulation of business in these areas.

In an age where commerce is increasingly global, transacted and created digitally, investing scarce public resources in aiding and stimulating businesses in these areas should produce a much greater return on investment than putting down new concrete and brick in the Vale and continuing to neglect these established areas that desperately require investment.

The current planning targets for the Vale assume large increase in the population. In the years 2006 to 2008 to 2011, the projected inward migration has been reassessed and downsized from 815 to 547 to

In view of this level of downsizing of estimates, and likely continuing very slow economic growth for many years ahead due to global (China, India, SE Asia competition) and domestic economic factors (national debt and continuing weak economic performance) we are unlikely of requiring this level of extra housing in the Vale

There is no indication that its intrinsic population will grow by this number. It must thus be assumed that the proposed increase in housing requirement is in anticipation of a large net inward migration of people into the Vale.

Is this the migration of people from England, from abroad, or from areas such as the south Wales Valleys? It would cost much less public and private money in the digital economy that we seek for such extra housing not to be built.

These public and private monies would be wasted in duplicating infrastructure, dislocating communities, breaking up traditional support and caring mechanisms for the elderly and vulnerable in the population, and exacerbating the needs and financial dependence of those who remain in deprived areas of Wales. It would make far more sense at every level not to waste precious resources on duplicating infrastructure but to spend it where there is already infrastructure in place.

As we prepare for the possibility of debate about whether there should be increased powers for the Welsh government ahead of the elections in May 2016, politicians of all parties need to delineate in detail their policies for the long term economic development of the whole of Wales.

We must not stumble into a future of an overheated, unaffordable economic hotspot in south-east Wales with the remainder of Wales being

much poorer, as has happened in England. Leaders of all political parties at the Welsh Government and the Vale Council need to answer the following questions urgently:

Why are over 10,000 houses still needed in the Vale of Glamorgan to accommodate an increase of 217 persons per year?
Why not direct the investment of limited

resources into established communities to the west and north of Cardiff instead of building houses in

Will you complete the A4232 and build direct access to it from Barry to the south of Culverhouse

If a St Athan/airport enterprise zone is important, why won't concentrated development at Llandow industrial estate support it better than large housing developments in multiple, scattered villages? Paul Williams, St Nicholas;

Tim Knowles, St Nicholas; Karen Rogers, Dinas Powys; James Regan, Dinas Powys; Richard Norris, Llanblethian; Dr David Webb, Llanblethian; Prof R J Buswell, Cowbridge History Society; Robert and Sian Evans, Ystradowen; Kristian Grimes, Ystradowen.

### 'Time is right to leave EU'

recent letter from David Kennet, and his comments on the cost of leaving the EU, and listening to various politicians over the past few months (notably Paddy Ashdown and Ken Clarke, both EU that I find their reasoning for staying in the EU laboured.

Every one of these politicians predicts doom and gloom for our economy, jobs, etc, but how on earth can they foresee what will happen?

I recently purchased items of fruit and veg at a local supermarket and the grapes came from South Africa and the corn on the cob from Senegal. Are they part of the EU?

My reasoning for pulling out of this club is as follows: we are soon to vote at a general election to elect our future Government.

We have been given this vote because it is part of the freedom and democracy that we have in this country.

Can someone tell me

when we voted to become part of the EU

in its current form?
The EU is nothing but an unelected, corrupt, undemocratic institution, that thrives on forcing its will on the people

Let's go back a bit to the EU Treaty: this had to be ratified by all EU nations. Southern Ireland voted against this, but was forced to vote again until a yes vote was achieved; is this democracy?
We are electing a

Government which will be tied to all the rules and regulations of Brussels and there is not one thing they can do about it.

When you have deals being done by the likes of Angela Merkel and the French President behind closed doors, what chance has anyone

The British Government cannot even reduce VAT, or reduce the tax on petrol without the EU's permission.

The time is right to get out of this corrupt club, and spend the money on our own people.

DJ Radford,

'Unedifying game of treachery'

talk by Sir Richard Dearlove, former head of MI6 recently, reported in The GEM last week headed 'Tales of HM Secret Service' was all about the 'hall of mirrors' intelligence work in Prague, Paris and Geneva etc.

Surely, all persons who serve a foreign intelligence agency are traitors to their home countries? Some for money, some ideologically, some to relieve mundane lives: some because of 'honeytraps'

In Communist days, I was targeted in 1983 by the Czechoslovak foreign intelligence service. At the time, I was (mistakenly) perceived as a rising Labour star, a young general election candidate (Monmouth).

I played along for a time, then reported the contacts to MI5 who came to south Wales to debrief me, and presumably to take

As Kim Philby is regarded as a traitor to GB, so is Oleg Gordievsky to Russia (then the Soviet Union).

They both, and others, have much in common! It is an unedifying game! Christopher Short, Barry.

#### HGV road check

INCE the closure of the Ewenny railway bridge, what actions are the parish and Vale councils taking to ensure HGV traffic does not use the coastal diversion? Evidence suggests very

Sally Carnall, St Brides Major.

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T is pretty much a truism these days that town centres are in decline as they come under attack from online shopping, big city shopping malls, and out of town retail centres, writes PHILIP IRWIN.

Visit any small town in the UK and you will find the likes of Mary Portas coming up with a plan to "save" the local high street.

In south Wales, it's not difficult to find town

centres that are on their last legs – which makes Llantwit Major's ability to buck this trend over the last few years all the more remarkable.

A number of factors came together over the last three years and it has led to new businesses opening, and these have added to the variety in

The Boverton Road regeneration scheme smartened up the main shopping area, at the same time improving the car parking.

The Vale of Glamorgan railway line was

upgraded, with more regular train journeys from Bridgend, Barry and Cardiff available. While this took a while to kick in, traders in the town are starting to notice a real difference now, with more visitors saying they took the train.

Another factor was that small shops within the precinct were made available as 'pop ups', giving new businesses a chance to test the waters - and some went on to make the move to Llantwit permanent – moving on then to bigger premises. Finally, the Vale Council tourism unit's

decision to market Llantwit as a combined

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heritage site and as a centre for walking in the Vale (particularly along the coast) is showing real signs of progress.

appreciate and value the old part of town, with its narrow roads and distinctive old buildings.

The development of the Galilee Chapel in St Illtud's Church, which makes such an impressive feature of the ancient Celtic crosses, has added an extra string to the town's heritage bow.

There are still a small number of vacant units in the town – there is an inevitable turnover in the retail trade – but things are looking good for this charming town.

One retailer said: "Llantwit is a relaxed

shopping centre, where you can just turn up. There's no need to dress up when you shop

Town centre traders are also feeling a sense of relief after Sainsbury's dropped plans to open a store on the outskirts of the town, at Llanmaes.

Stuart Sloan runs Sloan & Co in the Poundfield Centre and is optimistic about the prospects for the town centre. He said: "We can't say with 100 per cent certainty that Sainsbury's have given up, but it has gone quiet now".

He said that it left retailers free to concentrate

on serving customers old and new: "We are noticing more visitors in the town, particularly walkers as you see groups out and about with the

The train has made a difference, too. when we ask people how thay travelled to Llantwit, an increasing number say they came by rail.'

Mr Sloan added that there was evidence of more visitors coming by bus, due to the new 321 service that links Barry and Bridgend, via various

Vale towns and villages.

He said: "This is harder to quantify, but the signs that this way of getting to Llantwit is



ABOVE: Some of the team at the Wyndham House Dental Practice.

growing.

On a personal note, he said that the last 12 months had been very productive for Sloan &

Co.

"We have updated our range, with garments, been and accessories, and our slogan 'The Vale's

budget boutique' sums us up perfectly.
"There's no item over £40, but there is plenty of choice!"

Also in Poundfield is Nickleby's Books, which is run by John Woods. He is proud of the fact that Llantwit still supports an independent book store, and trade is holding up well.

He feels personal service, plus the willingness to order any book for his customers, has been a

major factor in the company's success.

He said: "I think you have to accept that there is a need to offer a discount to compete, and I'm very, very grateful for the support we have received.

He is encouraged that reading is still popular with children and, to make sure that stays the case, he has increased the range of children's

In East Street, another business that has seen its faith in Llantwit Major rewarded is The Flower Shop in East Street, run by mother and daughter Wendy and Sarah Thomas.

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Tony Bennett







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## ring LLANTWIT MAJOR Feature \*

### Llantwit Major... the Mayor's View

THE GEM asked the Mayor of Llantwit Major, Coun Mick Mason, for his views on his home town.

HAVE lived in Llantwit Major for over 40 years, during which time there have been so many changes to enhance all areas of the town and access to what is now the 'Gateway' to the Heritage Coast.

The re-opening of the rail link provided a much-needed boost for both inhabitants and visitors, although maybe the bus service is in need of further improvement.

The Boverton Road regeneration brought

new life into the shopping area and recently we have seen the opening of several new shops selling a variety of goods. We have a Yankee Candle shop, several new cafes have opened, ladies and gents hairdressers, beauty salons and nail bars.

You can even top up your tan without going to the Med, we have ladies clothes shops, and e can even boast a tattoo parlour.

We are well served by two supermarkets and have restaurants and take aways for those

The old town is picturesque and peaceful, the town square, with three pubs around it, is a popular place at weekends, with entertainment and the occasional beer festival.

Visitors from all over the world come to see our beautiful St Illtud's Church and the recently restored Galilee Chapel, and explore the town on foot following the Blue Plaque Trail, new fingerposts and visitors' notice boards are currently a work in progress.

After exploring the town, it is a short walk through lovely countryside to Colhugh Beach and the Heritage Coast. You can even refresh vourself at the Beach Cafe before venturing further along the Wales Coastal Path, east to Aberthaw or west to St Donat's.

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dropped in, Sarah was recovering from a busy Mother's Day, and getting ready for another surge over Easter. She said: "We find

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Another business with strong roots in the town is the Wyndham Dental Practice. Spokeswoman Sian Allers told The GEM: "The practice opened in 2001 with two surgeries and five staff. Thanks to the support we have received from the town, we have grown to five surgeries and

17 staff. "We pride ourselves on our service, and it's great to be in an area where there is so much for visitors and residents alike.'

There always were many reasons to spend time in Llantwit Major, but to some extent the town hid its light under a bushel.

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### **Beavers** hold presentation after gala









gala at Barry Leisure Centre.

club second out of the seven
Welsh clubs competing.
Alun Cairns and Vale
Mayor Howard Hamilton were among those on hand to present prizes to the winners.

A number of club members also notched up personal bests. More w

winners featured next week

THE following letter has been received concerning the wrap around The GEM last week. It is important to note that this was an advertisement, paid for by the Conservative

Party through voluntary donations. As such it does not, in any way, reflect the views of The GEM, which prides itself on its impartiality as a local community newspaper.

#### 'Advert raises important issues

HE wraparound advert for the local Conservative candidate that arrived with last week's GEM raises a number of important issues, I

Of course, political parties are perfectly entitled to purchase advertising space in newspapers and elsewhere. Money talks in British politics, sadly not always in the public interest as has been evidenced by the recent expenses and cash for influence scandals.

Mr Cairns was

himself caught up in the expenses fiasco for, legitimately but perhaps unwisely, claiming expenses for a Cardiff Bay flat when he lived a short drive away in Ewenny.

Openness and transparency in this election campaign is important, so I would like to ask all the Vale of Glamorgan candidates an open question: Who is funding their campaigns? Are their backers resident in the UK and do they pay their fair share of taxes. as the vast majority of constituents do?

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### AM's 'breakfast' event welcomes Older People's Commissioner



ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM at the college's hospitality suite with students, staff, Sarah Rochira, Older People's Commissioner, Vale Mayor Coun Howard Hamilton and Barry Mayor Coun Jeff Evans and guests.

#### VALE AM Jane Hutt hosted her fifteenth 'Spring Breakfast' on March 27 at Cardiff and Vale College Barry campus, with the theme, 'Ageing Well in Wales.'

The guest speaker was Sarah Rochira, the Older People's Commissioner for Wales and guests included third sector organisations and the Over

The breakfasts were cooked and presented by the

hospitality students at Cardiff and Vale College.

Jane Hutt said: "This year's Spring Breakfast theme was about older people and I was delighted

talk about the 'Ageing Well in Wales Programme'.

"This programme – the first of its kind in the UK – contributes to and complements the Welsh Government's Strategy for Older People and champions a positive attitude towards ageing and the benefits an ageing society kings." the benefits an ageing society brings.

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### THE RISE AND FALL OF CONCORDE.

in less than half the time that other airliners took - that was Concorde, a supersonic passenger jet airliner jointly developed and produced by the British Aircraft Corporation (BAC) and Aerospatiale.

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John Evans, a member of Penarth Aviation Society will give a personal view on April 10 of how the concept of an SST came about and some of the innovative engineering that went into producing the aircraft.

After a brief mention of its service life, he will look at the tragic events that led to the fatal crash and the eventual withdrawal of Concorde to various museums

John, who joined BAC Filton just

before the Anglo-French agreement to build the aircraft was signed, was in charge of the analytical laboratory for just over three years. In that time materials that went into Concorde passed through the lab so he will give us an insight into some of the hiccups that occurred during the early years.

Brian Thomas, another of our members, was heavily involved with the Concorde project as general manager of the Concorde support division for the British Aircraft Corporation (BAC) and Aerospatiale.

The Aviation Society's meeting takes place on Friday, April 10 (7.45 for 8pm) at the Conservative Club, Stanwell Road Penarth. Visitors are welcome to attend the presentation (a donation of £2 is requested).

This will be followed by a business session for members only. Following this, there is a social to which visitors are welcome. To ensure seating availability, contact: Edward Oliver mobile: 07941 758 212. Further details can be seen on the society's website and on Facebook

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challenge.
"It was an exhilarating experience

pregnant cat, who was admitted because of her owner's change in circumstances. She has since given birth to five beautiful kittane and because of her owner's change in circumstances. She has since given birth to five beautiful kittane and birth to five birth Daffodil, Bun, Choccy, April and Bonnet. Buttercup is one of 133 email bridgend@cats.org.uk



unwanted cats and kittens in the centre's care, many of whom are looking for a new start in life.

Sue Dobbs, centre manager said: "We are delighted with the amount of money we have raised and would like "It was an exhibitance experience which was especially rewarding, as we were able to raise a lot of money to help cats in the centre."

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Doedd hi ddim syndod bod cannoedd lawer yn gorfod ymgynnull tu allan i Eglwys Sant Cadog i wrando ar y gwasanaeth ar uchel seinyddion ac roedd gweld y llun o'r dair golomen wen a ryddhawyd i'r awyr i zvnrvchioli bywydau'r tri ifanc yn gwbl dorcalonnus – tri oedd yn llawn bywyd â dyfodol cyffrous o'u blaenau wedi eu colli yr ddirdynnol a chreulon o sydyn. Ni wyddom ar hyn o

bryd union amgylchiadau'r ddamwain ond mae un peth yn sicr – mae'n rhaid i bobl ifanc gael eu gwarchod yn well rhag y peryglon tu ôl olwyn y car. Dengys yr ystadegau yn glir mai damweiniau car vw'r rheswm pennaf dros achosi marwoalethau pobl ifanc.

Yn America mae pob talaith erbyn hyn wedi cyflwyno trwyddedau gyrru graddol i bobl ifanc er mwyn eu gwarchod. Mae tri cham i'r drwydded. Yn ystod cam un ceir trwydded lle mae'n rhaid cael cyfnod



penodol o wersi. Ar ôl pasio'r prawf mae cam rhif dau yn gyfnod lle nad oes gan y gyrrwr ifanc hawl i fynd â pherson ifanc yn y car gydag ef neu hi a does dim hawl i yrru yn y tywyllwch. Ar ôl cyfnod o tua blwyddyn wedyn gellid hawlio trwydded lawn. Yn sgil cyflwyno'r trwyddedau graddol fe laddwyd 59% yn llai o bobl ifanc 17 oed.

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### Cinderella sparkles, but offers few surprises.



bv **GARETH JAMIESON** Follow Screen Talk on Twitter @GEMScreenTalk

exhausted the Hollywood's latest, uncreative attempt pockets is bringing animated fairytales

Maleficent was a retelling of the Sleeping Beauty story, told from the titular villain's perspective, and while the critical response was mixed, box office success meant that cinemas will likely be

heaving with animated characters coming to life.
The latest is

Cinderella, directed by Kenneth Branagh; it tells the story of Ella (Lily James), who, when her father passes away, find herself at the mercy of her cruel stepmother (played by Cate Blanchett) and her step sisters (Sophie McShera and Holliday Grainger). But when she meets a prince (Richard Madden), her life seems set to change, especially when she's being watched over by a fairy godmother (Helena Bonham Carter).

As noted in the opening paragraph, it seems a little creatively redundant to remake animation into liveaction, cashing in on the goodwill of the original with only a modicum of an upgrade being offered by the filmmakers, and it's a charge that can be levelled at Cinderella

here. You shouldn't go into this film expecting the storybook to be ripped up, but while lacking any real surprises, the finished product exudes enough charm and goodwill that you will find yourself pleasantly surprised but not blown

away. Giving Kenneth Branagh the director's chair was an idea that is as good on paper as it is as good on paper as in practice; while seemingly 'only' a purveyor of Shakespeare on film, Thor showed that Branagh had enough skill and ambition to paint on grander canvasses, and so it

goes here. Visually, the film is sumptuous to look at, a great deal of credit going to legendary production designer Dante Ferretti, who strikes the balance between overly stylish (the palace sets) and worn (Ella's family

home), and gives Branagh the perfect

He handles the pace of the story well, and adds that much-required Disney sparkle to proceedings, even if it occasionally threatens to drift towards overt schmaltz, but young or old will savour the beauty of the film's look. Adapted by Chris

Weitz (who, trivia time, co-wrote American Pie), the films stays slavishly devoted to its source material; there are a few little tweaks here and there, most notably the lack of any musical numbers which grounds the film, but it's still the nuts, bolts and plenty more besides

of the beloved fairytale. Given how straitlaced and earnest it feels in places, you need a cast who can get past that and prevent the characters from being annoying and across the board the turns are wellexecuted.

Lily James isn't dealt the best of hands as Ella starts out a little too simpering, but James

performance soon locks into place and she makes for a grounded lead, believable as a princess but, more importantly, believable

as a character. Opposite her, Richard Madden plays the prince shorn of pomposity and, sadly, character; there's not that much for Madden to do other than be dashing and charming, which he does well, but there's little meat for him to get into, and he doesn't feel as intrinsically a part of the narrative as you

would want.
The ace card would seemingly be casting Cate Blanchett, and her haughty, ice cold 1950s-esque glamour, as the cruel stepmother. But while she

attempts to get a bit more juice out of the character, she doesn't devour the role and seems a little subdued when a larger performance would have been more fun (see Glenn Close in 101 Dalmatians), a role that falls to Sophie McShera and Holliday Grainger

as the evil stepsisters who attack their roles with relish.

Ultimately, Cinderella is something of a 'meh' film; it's hardly essential viewing, but if you do watch it vou'll be charmed though not at all surprised.

It's a faithful telling of the fairy tale for the 21st century, but doesn't have the wit or edge to really resonate with the audience - especially when the original, animated film is just a DVD or download

away. **VERDICT:** A pleasant viewing experience that looks lovely, Cinderella doesn't do any more than that. A good cast do a good job, Kenneth Branagh's direction (and Dante Ferretti's production design) give it that magical gloss, but anyone hoping for anything more than you find in the original will be disappointed.

Enjoyable.

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Wook and to get National Gardening families outdoors and celebrating

spring. They are joining in with RHS week to celebrate all things

horticultural. Geraldine Donovan, general manager at Dyffryn Gardens, said: "It's a great way to let people who haven't visited us before see what Dyffryn and the National Trust is all

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19, this year's event is set Register at to be the biggest yet, said Swimathon.org or call Marie Curie community 0845 36 700 36. For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

#### TEXTILE SHOW IN BRIDGEND

1.5k swims and raise funds for Marie Curie.

Swimathon entries are

open until April 15.

A FREE Threads of Bridgend Textile Exhibition is being held until April 4 from 9.30am - 4pm at Carnegie House, Wyndham Street, Bridgend.

A workshop will be held alongside the exhibition to create embroidery hoop art that will be curated into a display in the town centre.

## Out and About at Easter with The GEM

### Easter services

Methodist Church And Laster services in Barry:

Thursday (April 2),

Maundy Thursday (April 2), 10.30am – 12 noon, at Crossway Methodist Church – children's *Frozen* activity with an Easter theme for children aged 5-11.

At 7pm, in Saint David's - 'Tenebrae', a service of light and shadows with Holy Communion. Good Friday, The Gathering Place

church and community centre, 10-12 noon, children's *Frozen* activity with Easter theme for children aged 4 – 11. At 12 noon, the Methodist churches

will be joining with 'The Churches of 406262, or 01446 678730 for further Barry' on the Walk of Witness; 2pm – details.

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Methodist Church Holy Week 3 pm, Saint David's Methodist Church opens for prayer and quiet. 2pm pm, a joint service of quiet meditation led by The Church in Wales and the Methodist Church, at Tathan Parish Church, Saint Athan.

Easter Day (Sunday, April 5) – 6.30am Sun-Rise Service, by the sea front, Barry Island. Easter Services at Saint David's and Cadoxton – 9.45am The Gathering Place church and The Waterfront Church, 10.30am Crossway and Saint John 11am. Al

services with Holy Communion.

Contact the ministers on 01446

### WHAT'S ON

Barry services Today, Maundy Thursday the congregations of St Paul's, Merthyr Dyfan and St Cadoc's are joining with St Mary's Holton Road, Barry, at 7pm, to commemorate the Last Supper on the night before Jesus's

crucifixion.
On Good Friday, all the churches of Barry lead the Christian 'Walk of Witness', departing from the Parade Gardens at 12 noon with a service on King's Square at 1.30pm. The story of the Passion is told at Merthyr Dyfan Church at 10am and St

Paul's at 3.15pm. On Holy Saturday (April 4) the first Mass of Easter will be held this year at St Cadoc's Church, Cadoxton, at 8pm. Easter Sunday's services to celebrate Easter Day are 8.45am at Merthyr Dyfan Church and 10am at St Paul's Hall.

#### Another **Foodbank**

A new Foodbank centre opens in the Ogmore Valley today (Thursday, April 2) at Horeb Chapel, Dinam Terrace, Nantymoel. Opening hours are 11am – Ipm.

Easter egg challenge COSMESTON and Porthkerry Country Parks will be hosting their annual Easter egg hunts every day this weekend.

All are welcome from tomorrow, April 3 – 6, to find the Easter egg posts and answer 10 questions.

Maps and question sheets can be collected from the visitor centre at Cosmeston, or the

golf hut at Porthkerry. Rangers are hoping to match the success of last year's hunt, which

saw over 500 families taking part to win some Easter goodies.

Entry is any time between 10am and 3.30pm and costs £2.50 per person. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call Porthkerry on 01446 733589 or Cosmeston on 02920 701678, or Porthkerry@valeofglam organ.gov.uk or cosmestonlakes@valeof glamorgan.gov.uk.

#### YFC county field day

ON Saturday (April 4) Ashdown Fencing will be supporting Glamorgan YFC at the county field day fence erecting competition.

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He will present triumph shields. donated by Ashdown to the winning junior

County field day takes place at Amelia Trust Farm, Five Mile Lane. Results and awards for the day will be revealed and presented at The Three Horse Shoes, Moulton.

## Acts are confirmed for this year's Food and Drink Festival

THE entertainment line-up for this year's Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival is filling up fast and promises to get the new-look event off with a

**bang.**Local musicians
Emily Langford, Finding Fiona, Lauren England and Seafall Lite are among those who have signed up to entertain the crowds in the food court – just one of the new features in the

rejuvenated festival. Each artist will have dedicated slots to perform throughout the festival, which this year takes place over the Bank Holiday weekend,

May 24 – 25. Classically trained Emily Langford, 21 from Cowbridge, has appeared on Alan Carr' The Singer Takes It All on Channel 4, and will be performing a selection of musical theatre and jazz standards. She said: "I think the new format for the festival and opening up the stage for local performers is great and I'm really looking forward to performing."
Seafall Lite, a jazztinged acoustic band

based in Llantwit Major and Cardiff, and contemporary three piece band Finding
Fiona – made up of
Sarah Edwards, guitarist
Rob Holt and pianist Rob Fry – and solo

female vocalist Lauren England, will also perform across the

With 100 exhibitors, top name demonstrators and the new spring date, the Festival is expecting record breaking visitor numbers giving all the confirmed acts the chance to perform to tens of thousands of people. Speaking about the new Festival format,

Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival Chairman, John Davies, said: "Offering the stage to local performers and giving them the opportunity to reach such a large and varied audience is our way of giving something back to the community and is just one of the many improvements we've

availability for local performers wanting to take to the stage at this year's festival.

To find out how you

can get involved, contact Festival Manager Polly Wilson on 07875 290428, email info@cowbridgefoodand drink.org. Full details about the show and the complete line-up can be found on the website www.cowbridgefoodand drink.org

Tickets for the festival – which cost £5 jestival – which cost 15 per day or £8 for the weekend – can be purchased online for the first time, with a 10 per cent discount on all pre-sale tickets. Children 12

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#### DISTRICT RAMBLERS NEWS FROM THE PENARTH AND

AT short notice, leader Phil put an extra full on. walk into the programme which involved a car journey up to Defynnog, a coach journey to Craig y Nos Country Park and a glorious walk back over the rough moorland on open hillsides with fabulous views.

From Craig y Nos Castle, now a hotel, the group of seven walkers headed gradually uphill to Penwyllt Swansea valley and headed past the old railway station where opera singer Adelina Patti, who owned Craig y Nos Castle, was collected by steam train and

After descending towards Bwlch y Duwynt for lunch in a sheltered spot, views towards the central Beacons still bearing traces of snow down to the Cray reservoir in the valley below and the huge hump of Fan Nedd in the east, were spectacular.

Crossing rough moorland to their second trig point at Fan Bwlch Chwyth, before descending steeply past an old disused quarry, an undulating course through fields and sunken tracks led to the ridgeway at Heol Cefn-y-Gaer and the Iron Age hill fort of Twyn y Gaer.

Then descending through fields, a short tramp along the road led back to Defynnog and the end of

Heading uphill through fields containing sheep and newly born lambs to English Bicknor, after a visit to the church of St Mary the Virgin, more fields led to the church of St Mary the Virgin, more fields led to through barren woo following the priver be a visit to the church of St Mary the Virgin, more fields led to through barren woo following the railway list and bird watchers hoping to spy nesting peregrine falcons on the steep cliff faces at Coldwell Rocks.

Reaching the banks of the River Wye, warm sunshine broke through the clouds.

Heading along the through barren woo following the railway list across the border for On April 4, meet a for a 13-mile hard was the control of the railway list and the properties of the p

Heading upstream to the Huntsham Bridge and crossing the River Wye into Herefordshire before climbing to the trig point on Coppet Hill, there were stunning views towards the mist covered Black Mountains and the Malvern Hills.

Below them was the addictived and contains 1111

station where opera singer Adelina Patti, who owned Craig y Nos Castle, was collected by steam train and conveyed to wherever she wished to travel.

A long track meandering over moorland littered with shake holes and above underground caves led them past a forestry plantation for the climb up onto Fan Gyhirych, where a strong chilly wind hit them

Heading along the ridgeway before descending through barren woodland back to the Wye and following the riverbank to the footbridge that once carried the railway line, a short trek led them back across the border for the homeward journey.

On April 4, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 13-mile hard walk taking in Tylorstown Tip and St Gwynno Forest from Abercynon; contact Barrie on 029 2053 0753.

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On April 5, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 12-mile-moderate walk taking in the Taff Fechan valley and Pontsticill reservoir from Cefn-coed-y-cymmer; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

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E.Sullivan 25) 267.

The boys put in a faultless first half, and well executed goal by James in the third James minute.

Connor swept away Marshfield's threat several times, with some fine tackling by Josh and Charlie, while Dan and time down the wings but dealt with it admirably. Aron were given a hard

the lead on 19 minutes. The midfield engine was well oiled with Iestyn, Lloyd, Jack and Eski upsetting play

In the second half we had to contend with wind and rain, and Sion was brought on in defence in and given the unenviable task of trying to contain their number 5.

He was given a torrid were rewarded with a time and turned this way and that, but managed to deal with what was thrown at him.

Iestyn saw a penalty saved, but the boys up front, James and Jacob were well into their stride by now, and Lloyd made

Iestyn then grabbed a dealt with it admirably.

It was only a matter of time until we scored again, and Jacob doubled glimmer of hope with a wasn't enough.

Well done boys, a fully deserved win. DD

## Is your house ready for spring selling season?

TTH the clocks gone forward and the lion's share of Easter eggs waiting to be eaten, we can now safely declare that the 'Spring Selling Season' is upon us.

Everyone knows that the longer days and (supposedly!) warmer weather bring out the buyers, so make sure you have your property in order before it is marketed – this is the advice from rapidly growing sales and letting agent, EweMove.com. With this in mind, local

EweMove Director, Karen, has put together a checklist to guide you through the most important elements of having your home eady for sale in spring

Top spring property selling

Spring clean: Homes need to be fresh for this traditional selling season – if you don't have time to carry out this essential annual chore yourself, consider employing a professional cleaner to get your property up to selling

Fresh feel: Think about retaging your spaces for spring and summer, with a focus on natural light, lighter fabrics and seasonal touches including fresh

Clear the clutter: Prepare for a viewing seriously. Take the time to de-clutter, keep rooms tidy and minimise personal possessions such as photos, as purchasers are trying to picture themselves

to demonstrate that this is an

attractive, functional home. Improve your home: Don't gut and redecorate the entire property, but do fix what is obviously damaged. Fill in cracks, do essential repairs and decorate if there has been a leak or staining. Keep colour schemes neutral

But don't overspend: Buyers often like to make their mark, so don't waste your money on trying to second guess what they like. If the kitchen is tired, don't spend money on replacing it there is little chance you will make your money back. Don't replace carpets, but do get them cleaned.

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### WEAVER Bertha

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on Sunday, March 22, aged 94 years. Bertha, formerly of Min Y Mor sadly passed away. Wife of the late John Weaver, mother of Margaret, Richard, Jeremy and Philip. A loving grandmother and great grandmother.

Funeral to take place at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, April 7 at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations can be made at the service to WRVS. Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis

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#### LLOYD

#### |Reginald Albert Edward (Ted)

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Simon discussed characteristics of high performing teams and how the players could transfer

their training with the RAF into a match into a match situation.

The squad then progressed onto the low ropes, which is an indoor obstacle course where the skills identified earlier where put into action.

The team worked really well together and the shared experience helped tighten the bond between the boys which transferred into a great win in their next game over RGC West, a north Wales district, 36-14.

The squad are looking forward to the challenges ahead and putting the skills from the team building day at MoD St Athan into action on the rugby pitch.

### Teams in chess action

WHILE personally Barry away, the Club Chess continues to play league matches.

I am still awaiting the result of the Camelots match away to Nelson have played a game but I note that more. This division is so championship rivals Cardiff Castles only managed a draw with the Caerphilly Kings.

This leaves the Camelots 3.5 points behind the Castles with a match in hand and six points behind the North Cardiff Woodpushers games left for Camelots they almost feel the title.

The Quarks payed occasional host to Bridgend A on games. Monday while the Gambits travelled the opposite way on Tuesday to take on the Bridgend B side, and both matches members through the ended in a 3-2 victory for website we can explain

have However, for the Quarks been the loss could signal the end of their promotion push.

They now remain in third place some two points above the Pontypridd Phoenix and the Cardiff Cavaliers, but close it could go down to the wire with the Quarks final game against league leaders Cardiff Dragons vital for both teams.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club. St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The with two matches in club is open to players of hand. With only four all standards; whether games left for the you are interested in Camelots they can playing competitive you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the friendly

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For the Gambits nothing has changed much in their division as to greet you on your mid-table beckons.

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### Brynhill ladies say farewell to Peter

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Glynis Gould, lady captain and artist, gave a farewell gift to Peter, a caricture of him outside the clubhouse.

The ladies of Brynhill Golf Club had a very informative talk by Sue Hamer taking us through a beginners guide to tracing your family history.

Start by talking to your relations. collecting birth, marriage, death certificates, civil registrations and census records, all a guide to your past - many of these are online. We should be able to trace back to the early 1800s using these recources.

A small charge was made for the evening and a raffle held, all donations going to LATCH.

Competion results: March 10 - winner Robbie Lee 28points, runner-up Sue Holland 20; March 17 winner Carole Allen 23points. runner-un Audrey Phillips 22: March 23 winner Maria Gentile 23points, runner up Diane Tapscott 21, over back two from Claire



ABOVE: Glynis Gould presents retiring president Peter Hayman with his caricature, and BELOW: Members get tracing their family history!



### Barrivale bridge club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for March 24:

First Kay Dyer and Diana Kendrick 68.75 per cent; second Helen Jordan and Jane Brook 62.50; third Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews 53.75. Kay Dyer and Diana Kendrick also won on

New members are always welcome at Barrivale.

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SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Sea View B 5, Barries Boys 2; King William XII 6, Liberals A 1; Allsorts 5, Cambrian Flyers 2 Slammers 2, Rugby Club 5 Rhoose Social C 6, West End D 1 Runway Club 0, Rhoose Social 7; Liberals C 2, Rhoose Social B 5; Rhoosters 3, West End C 4. League table: Sea View B 119,

Rest End C 114.5, Allsorts 100, King William XII 98, West End D 86.5, Slammers 86, Barries Boys 83.5, Rugby Club 82, Rhoose Social A 80.5, Rhoose Social B 74, Rhoosters 73.5, Rhoose Social C 63.5, Liberals A 59, Runway Club 54.5, Cambrian Flyers 54, Liberals C 52.5.

Thone League table: Harbour B 90, soak the junior captains, Luke and JW Savoy A 87, West End C 70, Amelia Davidson, in the stocks.

League table: Wyndham Cons Cons Z 63, Rhoose Social B 56, 178, Liberals 176, Cadoxton Rhoose Social C 55, Harbour A Cons 174, Moors Boys 171, West 52, Wyndham Cons A 52, Savoy B Cons Z 63, Rhoose Social B 56, 43, Penarth Cons B 42, Wyndham Cons C 41

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

League table: Railway A 86, Market Street C 68, Railway B 65, Market Street B 63, Liberators 62

Cadoxton Cons B 69, Cadoxton Penarth Cons D 62, Services Social B 61, Cadoxton Cons A 55, Sully Sports A 55, Penarth Cons A 54, \*Railway C 42, West End B 42 (\* = points deducted). All league & cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk

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#### JUNIORS' OPEN DAY

THE juniors at Dinas officially LTC Powvs welcomed in the 2015 tennis season with a very successful day open

They faced the fearsome ball

New trophies were awarded to the winners of the summer club tournament and each child went away with an Easter egg.

The summer season at Dinas The youngsters not only played Saturday morning. There will be the traditional game but also fun games, new skills and match played with balloons on their play, as well as the very rackets. Powys LTC means junior morning play, as well as the very popular tuck shop.

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machine and they had a chance to are welcome to come along as the soak the junior captains, Luke and club is always looking to get more youngsters playing tennis.

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### JSTKD land English titles!



THE TAGB English Tae Kwon Do Championships were quite literally a golden event in JSTKD's calendar this year.

Held in Worcester on March 22, the event saw Vale-based JSTKD Martial Arts & Fitness come home with two new English champions as well as a further two bronze medals in the individual events and yet another gold in the tag team event.

The first winner of the day was Menna and Burmingham who gave a truly outstanding wel

performance to win gold in the Girls Red Belt Patterns category.

Menna beat very stiff opposition in style with her sharpness and precision, leaving the judges no choice but to award her the

top prize.

This is an especially timely win Menna will be taking her Black Belt of the Welsh Warriors who were competing ages from three years to adults. Please see grading in April and chose her examination in the boys' Cadets Black Belt event.

www.jstkd.co.uk for full details. pattern as the one to impress with

Proving her versatility, Menna then went junior team members, Lynne Doel, Rhys on to take the bronze in the girls' Red Belt Doel, Sean Edwards, Gabe Wilfred and power to claim her medal.

For the adults, Chris Edwards was on top form as he overcame some tough opponent deftly using some particularly fast punches to convincingly take the title and see him become men's English welterweight champion.

The Edwards family were on a winning streak as son, Josh, put on a great display of moves in the boys' Black Belt Peewee division and well deservedly came away with the bronze.

Over in the tag team sparring, Alan Li Kwon Do for themselves, JSTKD has clubs added another gold to the club stash as part throughout the Vale for all abilities and

Special mention also goes to adult and

Sparring, this time swapping poise for Emily Doogue, who competed well in their power to claim her medal.

Emily Doogue, who competed well in their respective patterns and sparring divisions.

Gabe had the dubious honour of managing to floor two judges in the course competitors on his way to the final. Chris of his fight – he pulled off a nimble side wasted no time in out-manoeuvring his step to avoid his opponent but in doing so tripped up one judge who then took another with him!

Rhys Doel, competing in the boys' Lightweight Black Belt event, faced a very difficult opponent but despite not quite overcoming him, put in a fantastic performance and remained determined to

the last point.

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## **Barry Seconds** push champions-elect all the way

BARRY Second XV finally the deficit. returned to league action with the visit of champions-elect Rhiwbina, going down 26-7.

Having lost heavily to the same opponents earlier in the season, Barry's hopes were dented further with another spate of late withdrawals.

Manager Ken Chow was forced to call up three players from the 3rd XV

squad to bolster a threadbare line-up.
With the strong gusty wind and slope against the home side in the first interval, Barry camped inside their 22 awaiting an away onslaught which go duly arrived.

An early Rhiwbina penalty was turned down by the away side, opting instead to kick for touch, announcing their intentions straight away. However, a majestic leap from Lloyd Dutton in the resultant set-piece stole crucial ball for Barry, and the chance as gone.

Barry defended stoically for long

periods, but were undone when a loose kick by fly-half Ashley Adams was collected by Rhiwbina, and the resultant recycling of the quick ball caught a disorganised home defence off guard, ending up being a converted

The green-and-whites had precious little ball to use in this interval and found themselves further behind before halftime when Rhiwbina took advantage of some weak tackling to score a try under the posts, before pushing over with their pack in the corner for an unconverted score.

Chow rallied the troops at half time, and with the wind literally in their sails in the second half, Barry came out all Dutton guns blazing in an attempt to reduce

Dave Evans, Jason Evans and Liam Ring began to shine with their ball carrying, while Joel Williams was finally afforded the possession to dictate the game at scrum-half.

After going close to crossing the Rhiwbina line, Barry were finally rewarded for their persistence when substitute debutant Nathan Davies picked up from the base of a ruck to dart through for an opportunistic try. Ashley Adams added the extras and the contest was back on with 15 minutes to

Rhiwbina, visibly rattled, were now making uncharacteristic mistakes, and the home side sensed a further score which would reduce the deficit further However, against the run of play, a long kick by Barry was not chased down by a tiring back-line, and the result was an away try which all but extinguished the home side's hopes of a fight-back.

Barry battled on until the end with Jason Thomas putting in several huge hits in the dying moments, and despite the result, all 19 players can be proud of their efforts in a match most would have predicted to be a landslide victory for the visitors.

Barry 2nd XV return to action this

weekend away at Rumney, while the 3rd XV travel to Sea View.

Team: Lee; T Adams, D Evans,

Knapman, Bragg; A Adams, Williams; Thomas, Turnbull, Ring; Rolfe, Dutton; Lee Jones ©, Miles, J Evans; Replacements: Hall, Deyes, Lloyd Jones, Davies. Man of the match:



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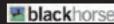


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### CAN COLEMAN'S AFTER ISRAEL MASTERCLASS...

OING into Saturday's game with Israel, Wales would have hoped to contain their hosts, who had set off at a pace in Group B and who had not lost competitively at home in nearly two and a half

That Wales emerged comprehensive 3-0 winners, having dictated the game and rarely found themselves troubled by the Israelis, was a welcome surprise, Chris Coleman's team delivering one of, if not their finest performance to date, to return to the top of their qualifying group - at least until Belgium edged past Israel 1-0 in Jerusalem on Tuesday, leaving both teams tied on 11 points, Belgium topping the group on goal difference.

the pre-match talk centred around (who else) Gareth Bale, and the woes he is currently experiencing in the harsh environment of the Bernabeu, as Real Madrid fans use him as a

scapegoat for the team's recent struggles.

Bale had been seen smiling and laughing at training in the week, a clear indicator that the man pivotal to Wales' qualifying hopes was happier in the bosom of his Welsh teammates, and enjoying a chance to do what he does best without a baying gaggle of Spaniards jeering

The opening half of this encounter was cagey, but with Wales little off-pace, taking too many touches and forcing the action, perhaps a knock-on effect from the pressures of the day job creeping into his international game.

However, the breakthrough came just before halftime - Bale's flick on met Aaron Ramsey's head, and the ball looped over the Israeli keeper and into the net, the goal seeming to have inflicted a psychological blow on an already underperforming (and disappointing) Israeli team.

Wales doubled their lead when Bale's beautifully struck free-kick left the keeper with no chance, and though Israel seemed to be creeping back into the game, their faint hopes were dealt a fatal blow when Bale notched his second in the 77th minute.

The impact such a result will have had on the group is significant, on a day which saw Bosnia grab a vital three points with a 3-0 win in Andorra, and the Belgians shake off their post-World Cup malaise with an ominous and clinical 5-0 demolition of Cyprus.

It's the Belgians who will be Wales' next opponents in Cardiff on June 12, and the enormity of the task in terms of getting a result will not have been lost on Coleman and his squad, despite the well-earned and deserved point they brought back from Brussels last November.

edging it in terms of opportunities created; Bale, however, seemed a hitting their stride, Wales will have plenty to worry the Belgians, not least the way they totally outplayed an Israeli team who had taken three wins from their opening three games.

Tactically Coleman had it spot on, the 5-3-2 formation giving Wales both defensive strength and numbers on the counter-attack with Bale, shorn of the responsibility of leading the line, allowed free reign to run amok.

There were standout performances all over the pitch, while the late introduction of striker Sam Vokes after his serious knee injury, and his lively performance, was a heartening sight to see, and provides competition in an area where Wales lack true quality.

There is still much to do, another five games to shape Wales' hopes of qualifying for Euro 2016, but with three of these games at home, their destiny is very much in their own hands; indeed, to be sitting in such a lofty position at this point is encouraging, and a positive result in June may very well push the levels of optimism - and expectation - even higher.

If they do this, then we may indeed dare to dream - and watching Wales in a major finals will become a reality!

GARETH JAMIESON

### A close win in blustery conditions for **Barry RFC**

BARRY RFC returned to action following the international break to face a tricky fixture against St Albans, who had suffered only one home defeat this season.

Unfortunately it was the blustery conditions which came out the winner as neither side was able to play their normal game, but that said it was an entertaining game littered by mistakes by both players and referee.

Facing the strong wind in the first half. Barry were first into the attack but losing possession saw them driven back 60 yards as The Buns took full advantage of the conditions, a pattern that would continue for most of the half.

Barry were conceding penalties to add to their problems and, following a quick tap and go, took the lead with a converted try.

Taking the wrong options and weak tackling were to see the visitors concede a second try minutes later which left them 14 points adrift.

Barry needed the next score and from a maul, following a take against the head, the loose ball was picked up by O'Sullivan to race up the blindside to cross wide out for a try which went unconverted.

The Buns, as

expected, came back and could have scored a couple of tries had poor handling and a stout

defence stopped them. They did, however, finally score as a poor clearance kick left the defence in tatters and gave the home side a clear run to line.

All credit to the Barry pack as they gained some dominance in the scrum, forcing the home side to concede penalties. The referee had warned the home side, and as Barry drove to the line only to be stopped illegally, he awarded a penalty try to leave Barry trailing by seven points as the half ended

Expectations were high that with the advantage of the wind at their backs, Barry could take control as the second half opened.

It needed some cool heads and discipline at this stage from the visitors, but unfortunately they became anxious as they chased down the lead and but for a last ditch tackle from Oaten. could have gone further behind.

Errors were gifting The Buns possession and they looked far more confident with ball in hand than the visitors.

However a slice of luck was to come as a kick and chase hit a home player, then the corner flag, only to rebound into play with quick thinking O'Sullivan first to react to score his second try

out wide.

Despite the extremely difficult conditions Lee was successful with the conversion to bring the scores level.

A lack of control and poor decision making were making things worse for Barry despite the advantage of the wind

They were, however, to take the lead when, after thinking they had scored a good try which the referee disallowed as he was unsighted, they were awarded a dubious penalty coolly converted by Lee

With 15 minutes to go The Buns made changes up front and suddenly it was the Barry pack on the back foot, giving St Albans plenty of possession which they used to good advantage by keeping the ball in hand to threaten the Barry

For a good 10 minutes Barry were forced into desperate defence, The Buns just not able to get the final pass to hand, and Barry somehow held out and nearly scored again following a break by White

The final whistle came as a great relief to the visitors, who had come away with a 22-19 victory despite not playing at their best.

This Saturday, Barry entertain Taffs Well, kick off 2.30pm.

### DINAS BOOST THEIR SURVI HOPES WITH AN EMPHATIC POWYS opened the scoring in the everything in the air. 23rd minute when, from The visitors

were in confident Caerleon after their win over Caldicot Town the previous week, and they knew a win was imperative to keep their hopes Division 2 football alive for next season.

Both sides had long range efforts from 25 yards in the opening minutes - Nathan Donnelly for Dinas, which was off target, and a free kick for Caerleon James Curtin gathered comfortably.

A cross from the right caused some problems in the Dinas six yard box thev but eventually cleared the danger at the expense of an

unproductive corner. A flowing move by Dinas involving Atif Bashir, King Junior Mwedzo and Ben Ah-Mun ended with a good one was at the far post to get a shot away.

A Nicky Bruce free kick then reached the ball in the net again Jonnelly but he was adjudged to have handled the ball in the net again was adjudged to have handled was adjudged to be been the ball. ball when well

It was Donnelly again who headed the ball on to Sam Johnson but his shot didn't trouble Gareth Mwedzo.

The game was end to worth their interval lead end at this stage in on chances created. difficult conditions with Caerleon came out pitch heavy after overnight rain and a were producing sides some attractive football

It was the visitors who particular

mood going into this a corner from the left, Liam Head volleyed the ball home.

Dinas began to press for the equaliser; a long throw in by Steve Provis fizzed across the six-yard box but again, no Dinas player was at the far post and the danger was of cleared.

However, it only took Dinas five minutes to equalise when, from a Bruce free kick, goalmouth scramble ensued, and the ball was half cleared to 16-year-old Mwedzo who picked his spot to drive the ball through a crowded area to beat Wesson from 15

yards for a fine goal.

Dinas keeper Curtin was then called into action when a Caerleon cross from the right was deflected, but he got down smartly at his near post to grab the ball.

Donnelly was having a fine game and after shrugging off a couple of tackles where he was driven wide on the right, Mun ended with a good he got in a good cross to cross by Ah-Mun but no Johnson but he couldn't control the ball and the chance was gone. The home side did get

handled the ball as he headed it past Wesson.

However, they were not to be denied and an excellent through ball by Provis reached Donnelly didn't trouble Gareth Provis reached Donnelly Wesson who gathered it who slid it past Wesson comfortably. Caerleon's and into the corner of the Ross Oakley was then net for a superb goal in booked for a foul on the last minute of the half, and Dinas

with more purpose for the second half but the swirling wind, but both Dinas defence of Bashir. Connor Caton, Provis and Bruce were on fine with Caton in form

manage to get an early shot on target by Yousif Al-Doori but Curtin was in his usual fine form and gathered the ball.

the visitors were pressing Curtin made a brilliant hard, but then came the goal of the game.

Donnelly played the ball to Mwedzo who was closely marked but he somehow flicked the ball into the path of Johnson, who coolly lobbed Wesson from just inside the box for a goal that

Dinas were back in was cleared. ontrol now except for

Curtin Bloxham

conceded an unnecessary penalty when he tripped player who running away from goal with James Bloxham as be a tight last 30 minutes,

goal lead intact.

The home side then made their final change, Jamie Bagnall replacing Mwedzo. Hard working Dinas midfield man Keiron James then made one of his surging runs would grace any standard which ended in him Swaffield, of football.

Bloxham, would grace any standard which ended in him Swaffield, of football.

With five minutes

into the box and again slid the ball past Wesson

for another superb finish.

The win took Dinas off the bottom of the table but there is a lot of but, just when the Dinas work to do in the With 10 minutes gone management team remaining games if they Dinas replaced Bashir thought it was going to are to retain Division 2 status

Team: 1 James Curtin, penalty save from Jamie 2 Atif Bashir, 3 Nicky Davies to keep their two Bruce, 4 Steve Provis (c), 5 Connor Caton, 6 Keiron James, 7 King Junior Mwedzo, 8 Ben Ah-Mun, Nathan 10 Donnelly, James Alloway, 11 12 Johnson. James Bloxham. Luke 15 Iamie Briscombe

This Saturday, April 4, the odd Caerleon attack; remaining Dinas made it Dinas travel east down from one of these Mike 4-1, Bagnall playing a the M4 to take on Undy Walters got a shot away superb ball into the path Athletic, 2.30pm kick but it didn't trouble of Donnelly who charged off.

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### Saints land title!

BARRY SAINTS secured the a through ball from Williams, escaping

Saints took the lead after a through ball from Alun Wyatt found striker Darren Townsend on the right hand side of the box; he then cut inside to leave his marker for dead and fired a left footed shot into the bottom corner.

David A. Evans made it 2-0 after chasing down a long ball with the onrushing keeper favourite to clear his lines. The keeper unfortunately completely missed the ball which left Evans an easy tap in.

low cross from the right wing finding Nathan Williams to smash the ball

Darren Townsend grabbed his second after the ball dropped to him 25 yards from goal to curl a left footed shot into the bottom corner. The score was 4-0 at halftime and the Saints were cruising.

winning completed his hattrick after picking up league title.

Mr Windows Second Division his marker with his electric pace and

league title with an emphatic 91 victory over Cardiff
Northern Old Boys.
Saints took the lead after a through past the Northern winger, cut inside from the left wing, squeezing between the full back and centre half while keeping close control of the ball.

He then found himself one on one

with the keeper who rushed out to the Saints midfielder; Williams dragged his studs over the ball to put the keeper down and leave himself the simple task of slotting the ball home into the empty

Townsend added his fourth; with the Evans then turned provider with a ball bouncing around the Northern box or cross from the right wing finding after a Saints corner he hit a shot which took a deflection to loop into the net.

Northern grabbed a goal themselves after Saints failed to clear a corner which left the Northern player with an easy finish.

However, Saints, and Williams, had the last laugh. Chris Hegarty picked the ball up to cross for Williams who took a touch then calmly slotted the Saints continued to dominate and took a touch then calmly slotted the Williams grabbed his second after ball home. The referee then blew up to another Evans cross found him to send the Saints players into huge bundle the ball home. Townsend celebrations, deservedly clinching the